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Bliss & Williams' Spinning Lathe.

As in all new trades, the manufacturer of stamped ware has heretofore been obliged to largely depend upon himself for tools. The first manufacturers of stamped ware had to build presses and tools. This latter has become a distinct branch of business, and now every tool required may be obtained without the trouble of building for one's self. Until very recently, the spinning lathe was a tool which each shop made for itself, and, though this practice produced convenient tools, yet they were not all that could be desired. The Spinning Lathe, which we illustrate, is made by Messrs. Bliss & Williams, 167 to 173 Plymouth street, Brooklyn, and is intended to supply the want which has been felt for a tool of this sort, and, at the same time to combine all the essential features. It is for burnishing, spinning, wiring and trimming stamped goods as they come from the drawing press. The weight of the lathe is 3000 pounds. Length, 77 inches. It will swing 28 inches over the bed, and 22 inches on the rest. The front bearing of the spindle is 2½ inches in diameter and six inches long. The cones are arranged for four speeds, they are 4-inch face, and respectively of 8, 11, 14 and 17 inches in diameter. The spindles are of cast steel, and the boxes of bronze, which is practically the best bearing that can be made. The speed of the countershaft is about 200 revolutions per minute. The lathe is furnished with a compound slide rest. The dies for the lathe are of cast steel, and we do not remember to have seen prettier pieces of metal under the turning tool. It finishes beautifully, and is of perfectly even grain, and great hardness. This tool fills a great want, and not only supplies the place of the home-made tools, but is much more convenient.

Messrs. Bliss & Williams have been doing a great deal of late toward the introduction abroad of American tools for working sheet metals. A great variety of their tools are used abroad, and are giving satisfaction. Several foreign journals have recently noticed their improvements in box making machinery, and spoken in high terms of its successful action. In seeking a foreign market for their productions, they are setting an example of enterprise which a great many manufacturers of improved American machinery might follow with advantage.

Experimental Researches in Bessemer Work.

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(Continued.)

Some readers, even at this date, will probably be puzzled by the foregoing statements, and suppose that I have contradicted myself; will say that if phosphorus thus gives hardness and tenacity, even to a greater extent than carbon, it must be beneficial, and that it may be used instead of carbon. This was exactly the reasoning that led to the errors I endeavored to refute in the letter to the *Chemical News* above mentioned. The conclusions of Dr. Miller, Dr. Paul, and many others, were based on the tenacity displayed by the ordinary method of testing, by a gradually increasing steady pull, the breaking strain of iron, steel and other substances. If steel only required such hardness and such tenacity, then phosphorus would improve it. Further examination, however, shows that this phosphorus hardness is treacherous; it is accompanied with most deleterious brittleness. Glass is very hard, and will resist a tremendous longitudinal strain gradually applied, but is shattered by a blow or any other sudden vibratory shock. This is just the quality which I found to accompany the hardness conferred on iron by phosphorus. It produces a glassy, rather than a steely, iron, and, in small quantities, is less damaging to soft iron than to hard steel, especially if the soft iron contains sulphur, as phosphorus and carbon both tend to neutralize hot-shortness. Karsten goes so far as to state that up to 0.5 per cent. phosphorus is not damaging to iron, but rather improving. This, however, is an exaggeration.

The trials upon which I based the conclusion that phosphorus is especially deleterious to steel were those made by the drop test, and by hammering or sudden bending. Steel containing phosphorus is more liable to crack, break or crush when thus tested, and if a tool with an acute edge, such as a knife, a carpenter's chisel, &c., is made of such steel, its edge breaks and becomes notched if, in tempering, it is left hard enough even for cutting wood.

The most decisive experiments, however, were not quite so direct and simple as these, and were suggested by the fact that there is a practical limit to the amount of carbon that can be added to Bessemer steel. If this limit is slightly exceeded the steel, when hammered or rolled, cracks at the edges; if it is largely exceeded, an ingot placed as usual under the steam hammer crumbles like sandstone, even at a welding heat. In some samples this occurs at 0.75 per cent.; others will bear 0.90, 1.00, 1.25

per cent., or even more, of carbon without crushing. Why should this be the case with Bessemer steel and not with shear or pot steel? was, of course, a very natural question. As the chief chemical difference between Bessemer steel and the best pot steel is that in the former the sulphur and phosphorus of the pig remains unremoved, while in the latter these are taken out in puddling, or do not exist in the charcoal iron, I naturally replied that it must be one of these, and accordingly made analyses for sulphur and phosphorus in all the Bessemer pigs and spiegeleisen that were used during a long period, and watched the results whenever a hard or highly carburetted blow was made. It soon became evident that the phosphorus was the main cause of this rottenness, for the crushing point of the hard ingots and the cracking points of the ordinary daily bending tests rose with the fall of the phosphorus and fell with its rise, i.e., the greater the amount of phosphorus the less carbon the steel would bear. This was a really important discovery, so much so that Mr. G. Brown requested me to keep it as a trade secret, which I have done during his lifetime, but am now under no further obligation to do so.

tion of different deliveries and brands of pigs, will illustrate this:

CONSTITUENTS.	A	B	C	D	E
Combined carbon....	0.68	0.23	0.50	0.37	1.25
Graphitic carbon....	2.28	2.53	3.00	1.96	1.65
Silicon.....	1.40	2.53	2.50	1.98	1.15
Phosphorus.....	0.04	0.09	0.03	0.18	0.34
Sulphur.....	0.06	0.10	0.10	0.23	0.21
Manganese.....	0.38	1.92	trace	1.15	1.10
Iron by difference....	93.54	92.63	94.37	92.05	93.40

The deliveries of pigs, A and B, produced the best steel ever made during the whole time I was at the Atlas Works, and the order of the quality, as estimated by George Brown, was as I have stated them. With "A," a remarkably fine sample of "Cleator" pig, very porous and abounding with "kib" (i.e., spangles of uncombined graphite), and a selected spiegel, George Brown produced first-class tool steel, equal to pot steel, by charging it with 1.25 to 1.50 per cent. of carbon, which it bore without loss of weldability (pardon the word, on plea of its convenience). The steel from B was not quite as good, and from C slightly inferior to B, but both far above average.

D produced the worst steel that was allowed to pass, and the steel from E was so bad that it

less the proportion of phosphorus in the raw material remains the same.

According to my estimate of the relative hardening powers of phosphorus and carbon, viz., 3 to 1, steel made from pig D, containing 0.39 per cent. of carbon, will have about the same hardness as steel from pig A, containing 0.78 (the phosphorus of the spiegel is here neglected for simplicity of illustration), and therefore determinations of the phosphorus in pigs and spiegels are as necessary as determinations of the carbon in the steel. The importance of such determination becomes still more manifest when the other differences, beside mere hardness, are considered. Although, in the case just supposed, the D steel, with 0.39 per cent. carbon and 0.15 of phosphorus, may have the same hardness as the A steel, with 0.78 carbon and 0.02 phosphorus, it will by no means be of similar quality. It will be much more brittle, liable to fracture by vibratory strain, and less susceptible of that graduation of hardness obtainable by the tempering of true carbon steel.

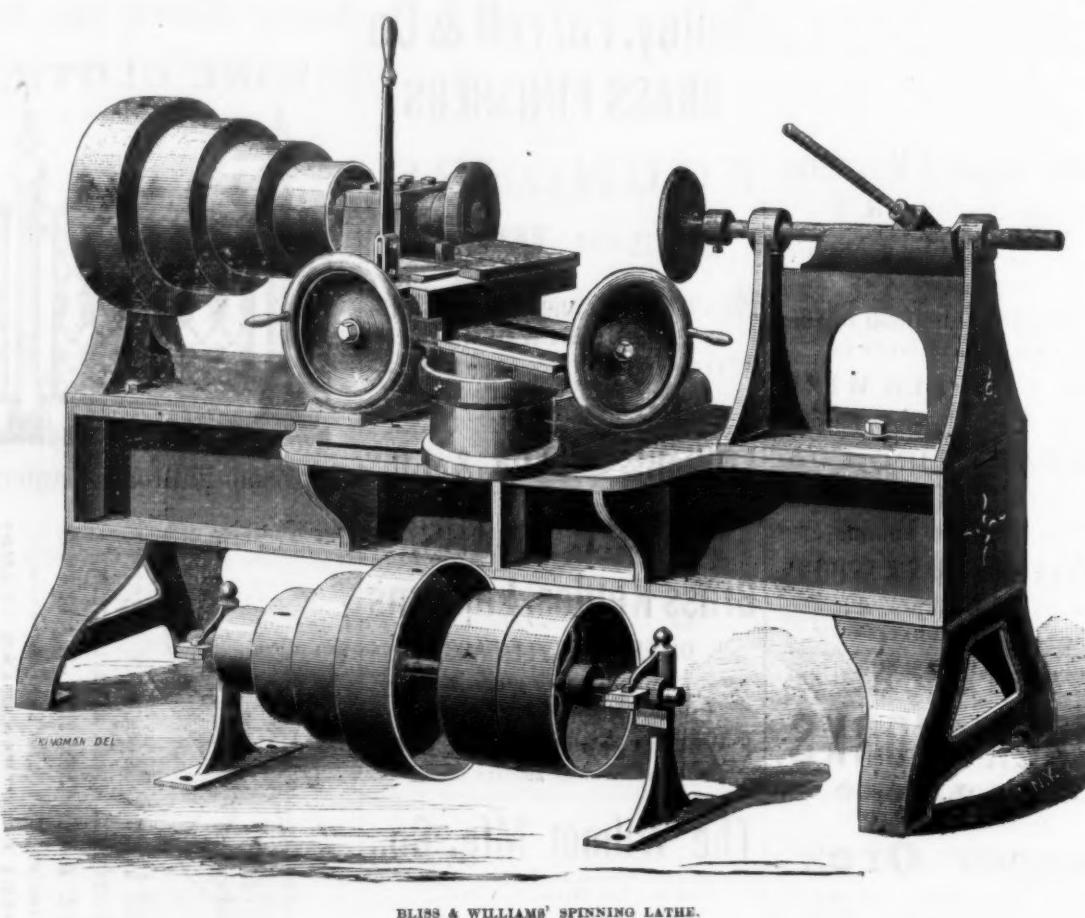
Following up this difference, we arrive at a means of extending the Bessemer process

These are stamped first and tinmed afterward. When ordinary sheet iron, although made from the best charcoal iron, is used, it often happens that a portion of the surface is formed of cinder—silicate of iron—that has not been completely squeezed out from the spongy mass of the puddle ball. This resists the tinning, and it has to be filed away, or the work, after much time and labor has been expended in shaping it, is quite spoiled and rejected as a "waster." The surface of the cast Bessemer semi-steel is perfect, and takes the tinning beautifully.

A multitude of other uses, such as steel pens, &c., might be named; but these are sufficient to show that there is still an unoccupied field for manufacturing enterprise in the establishment of a Bessemer work where only the fine quality of steel and steel iron, such as was produced from pigs A, B and C, should be made, and sold at prices corresponding to their quality. In such a manufactory no low priced heavy work should be attempted; and if by mistake a few blows of ordinary Bessemer steel should be produced, the ingots should be sold to ordinary rail makers, so that all the finished material bearing the brand of the works should be of uniform high class quality. A reputation would thus be acquired, and large profits obtainable; but, in order to secure such reliable quality, the whole manufacture must be based on scientific principles, and no stint perpetrated in reference to the analytical examination of all the materials used, and the strict chemical investigation of every failure in respect to the quality of metal produced. Small or moderate sized works, for high quality and high prices, rather than for large quantities, should be the aim. It might be advantageous affiliated with larger works, because there would, with every precaution, always be a liability to make inferior blows—by these I mean Bessemer steel which, though better than is now usually made, and useful for rails, &c., would not be good enough for the guaranteed quality that alone should bear the stamp of these works. There would thus be no absolute loss, even on the failures, and the high prices of the successful product would fairly reward the commercial enterprise and scientific skill demanded.

The Duty on Mica.—In the case of an appeal by the importers from a decision of the Collector at New York, assessing duty at the rate of 20 per cent. ad valorem on so-called mica slabs, which importers claim to be exempt from duty under the provision in the free list for mica and mica waste, the department sustains the appeal, an examination showing that the merchandise consists of mica in its crude state, cut into slabs for convenience in transportation, for use in connection with the manufacture of stoves, which cutting, however, it is held, does not in any manner change the commercial character of the mica or constitute it a manufacture, so as to take it from the express provision for mica. It is also understood that no other form of mica is imported. An appeal of importers from a decision of the Collector at Cincinnati, assessing duty at the rate of 40 per cent. ad valorem on certain gold foil imported from Hong Kong, which the importers claim to be durable at the rate of \$1.50 per package of 500 leaves as gold leaf, is rejected, an examination showing the article is not the gold leaf of commerce, but gold foil, which is bought and sold by weight and used principally by dentists.

From an investigation of the combinations of the various metalloids with iron and manganese, MM. Troost and Hauterive draw the following conclusions as to the part played by manganese in iron making. The manganese employed in treating impure irons combines with the foreign matter, and it is these combinations, either dissolved or disseminated through the bath, which render its purification the more easy by communicating to the elements to be eliminated the oxidability suitable to the corresponding compounds of manganese. This is often the case, but the manganese also plays a simpler part, and one more easy to determine. The addition of ferro-manganese, a compound which is always rich in carbon, restores to the metal the carbon which it should contain, and reduces the oxide of iron, with disengagement of heat, both by its carbon and by its manganese. The oxide of manganese formed in and disseminated through the metal does not present the same inconvenience as the oxide of iron, for it passes almost immediately into the slag, taking with it other impurities. Thus, whether the manganese exist in the metal before its purification, or whether it be added after a prolonged refining, the important part which it plays in the metallurgy of iron is due: (1) To the formation of compounds which are produced with a disengagement of heat greater than that due to the corresponding compounds of iron; and (2) to the easy scorification of these compounds, for they possess the property of oxidizing while disengaging more heat than those which contain the same proportion of iron, especially when these compounds occur, as is often the case in metallurgy, in the presence of a considerable excess of metal.



BLISS & WILLIAMS' SPINNING LATHE.

A statement of all the details of these experiments would be rather tedious, but a general summary may be interesting.

The average crushing point of the Bessemer steel produced in the ordinary course of working was at about 0.90 per cent. carbon. The average composition of the Bessemer pigs and spiegels used from July, 1868, to May, 1869, was as follows:

Pigs.	Spiegel.
Combined carbon.....	0.40
Graphitic carbon.....	2.19
Silicon.....	2.83
Phosphorus.....	0.092
Sulphur.....	0.139
Manganese.....	0.879
Iron by difference.....	92.89
Total.....	100.000

The range of phosphorus in the pigs during this period (with the exception of one delivery, of which I shall speak presently) was from 0.02 to 0.15 and in the spiegels from 0.03 to 0.12

was condemned, and all the pigs returned to their vendor. This sample of steel was rotten, with only 0.50 per cent. of carbon.

The degree of superiority of A to B, with equal proportions of phosphorus, is explained by the abundance of carbon in the former. This is an important element in the excellence of Bessemer pigs. The lower proportion of sulphur is also advantageous, though not of the predominant importance that was formerly supposed. This is indicated in E, where the sulphur, although excessive, is less than in D. The usual statement that the Bessemer process does not remove any sulphur and phosphorus is not strictly correct. When the carbon is abundant, the blow is consequently vigorous and prolonged, a small reduction of both of these (more of sulphur than of phosphorus) does not.

George Brown assured me that, with good management, he could work with silicon as a substitute for carbon, and that an abundance of silicon is advantageous both for increasing the energy of combustion and the amount of carbon, but that to work with such from the highest degree of skill is demanded, the blow must be carried on to the last moment, and the converter turned over only just before its contents begin to solidify. This is attended with some risk. I have had no opportunity of verifying this, myself, but have firm reliance in the accuracy and candor of Mr. Brown.

The practical applications of the above chemical generalizations may be made to contribute materially to the success of Bessemer work. I will first state their bearings upon the most common applications of Bessemer steel—rails and tires. Correct adjustment and uniformity of hardness is a primary desideratum; the rails should be as nearly as possible alike, and the tires a little harder than the rails. It is obvious, from what I have stated, that the most skilful and scrupulous regulation of the carbon element will fail to afford the required uniformity un-

to many other purposes than those to which it is commonly applied. All that is required for the manufacture of the best tool steel by the Bessemer process is to obtain pig iron equal to A or B, and spiegels of corresponding quality. It is not impossible to obtain this, but there is some difficulty in so doing, a difficulty which 20 per cent. added to ordinary prices of Bessemer pig would doubtless overcome. This tool steel, of course, would demand the high percentage of carbon common to pot steel, which could easily be added, and with more certainty and uniformity than by melting up of blistered steel.

But this is not all. There is a vast field open for the application of mild or semi-steel of reliable toughness and homogeneity. Bessemer steel iron practically free from phosphorus, and containing the lowest obtainable quantity of carbon, from 0.20 to 0.25 per cent., is invaluable for boiler plates. Its tenacity is nearly double that of iron, and therefore it need be made of but little more than half the thickness of iron plates. These Bessemer plates, being rolled directly from cast ingots, are free from lamination, blisters and other irregularities of pilled plates, and, by virtue of their carbon, can better resist the action of the fire. Girders and other elements of structure might be safely made of this semi-steel. We hear of many projects to build steel bridges. With this material the advantages of greater tenacity than iron, without the danger of brittleness, would be attainable.

Another application of such material may be mentioned. I had some sheets rolled from ingots containing 0.25 per cent. carbon, and made from the same brand as A. These were sent to Messrs. Griffiths & Browett, of Birmingham, who stamped them into vases and cylindrical cups. They were beaten and spun from a flat circular blank of the sheet metal. The object of the experiment was to ascertain whether a homogeneous cast metal could be used for the manufacture of tin plate wares of superior quality.

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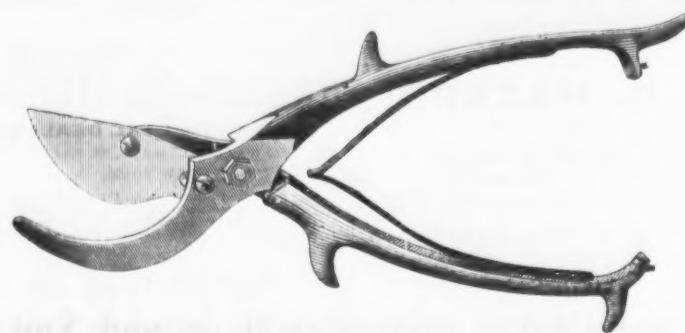
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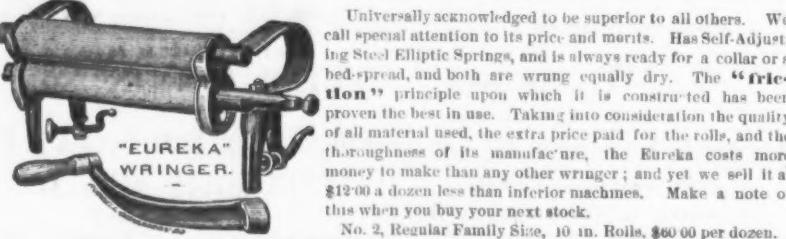
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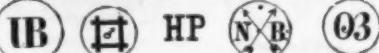
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**"The World" on Dynamite.**

The various accounts of disasters happening from the careless use of nitro-glycerine, dynamite and the like, has started the "scientific man" of the *World* on the war path. He says: "Now, it is probably impossible, even if it is desirable, to prevent the use of nitro-glycerine. It does its work so thoroughly that in spite of its dangerous character men will continue to use it until some better explosive is discovered. The question which needs immediate consideration is how to transport nitro-glycerine and its compounds with perfect safety; and perhaps the best answer to this question is that nitro-glycerine should never be transported in its manufactured state. To compare small things with great, reference may be made to that familiar domestic explosive, the Seidlitz powder. As is usually known, this article is sold in separate packages, either of which is inert when unmixed with the other. It can be handled, burned, dissolved, or swallowed with impunity. When, however, the two packages are suddenly brought together in a glass of water, they combine with an explosive force that has, in countless cases, shocked the stomach of childhood and astonished even the stouter interior of strong men. Why should we not treat nitro-glycerine as we treat Seidlitz powders? Glycerine in its normal state is perfectly innocuous. Nitric and sulphuric acids, when in a pure state, are, of course, to be handled with care, and when used as beverages are usually found unpalatable, except by the patrons of corner gin shops. Still these acids do not explode, and they can be carried from place to place without the slightest danger. If, then, persons intending to use nitro-glycerine were to procure it in the shape of simple glycerine and unmixed acids, and were to unite those ingredients only when the time for using nitro-glycerine had arrived, the public would no longer be put in peril by the transportation of nitro-glycerine over our railways and through our streets. If we can only induce men engaged in blasting to mix their own nitro-glycerine, instead of buying it ready made, we shall be delivered from the dangers which now menace us; and we may regain that simple 1/16th in boxes, barrels and tin cans, which formerly sustained us in the presence of loaded express wagons, and enabled us to pass a laboring man carrying a tin can without fearing that the entire neighborhood would vanish were he to accidentally drop his burden on the pavement."

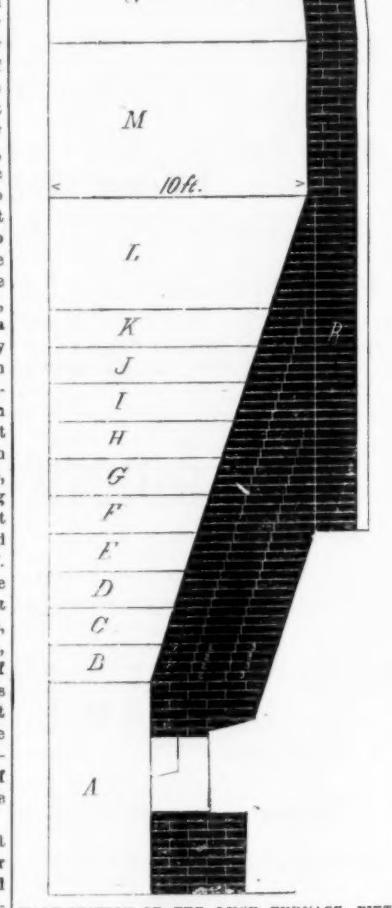
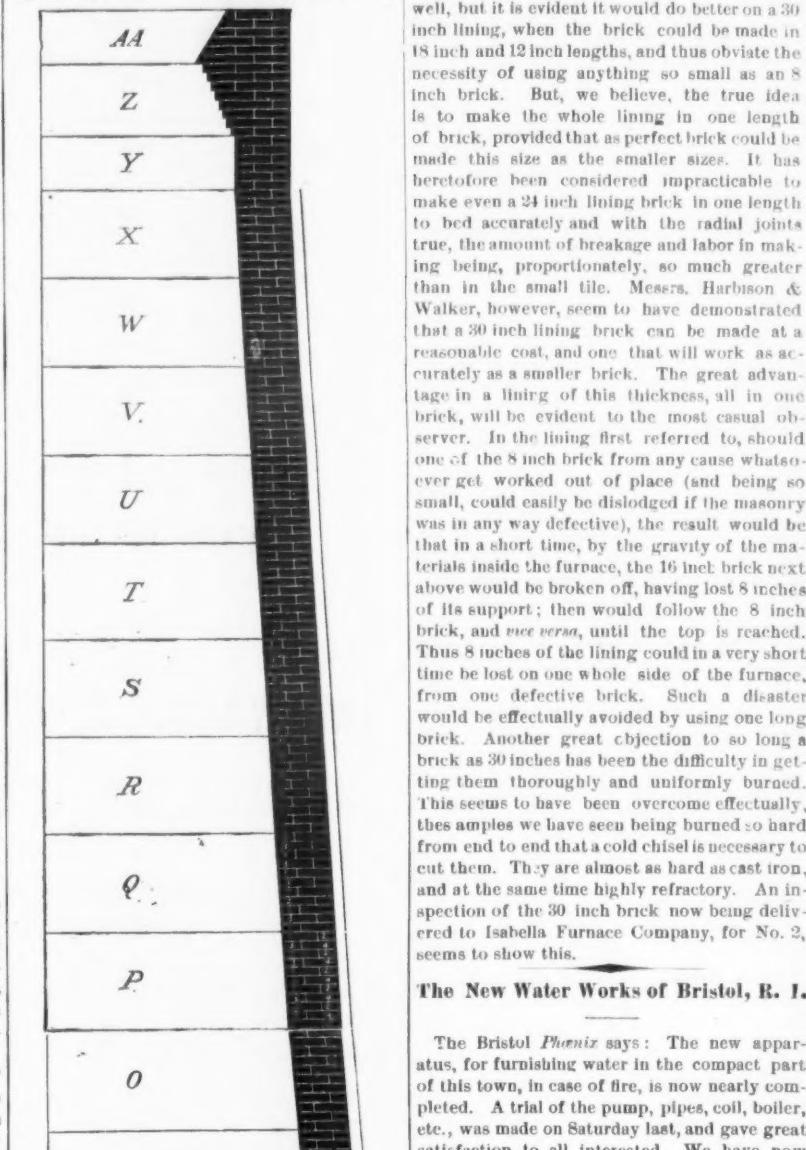
We wonder whether this "scientific gent" would not think it would be a good plan to do the same thing in the case of gun powder. When we wished to blast a rock or fire a gun, pour into the hole a little charcoal, with the proper proportions of niter and sulphur, and so form the gun powder when we wanted it. Evidently the man had got a vague idea of what is actually the case. The transportation and handling of nitro-glycerine is by no means such a wide source of danger as he supposes. In most places where it is to be used in any considerable quantity works are established, and the nitro-glycerine manufactured in the immediate vicinity of the place where it is to be used, so that wholesale transportation is not necessary. But the idea that every man who wants a little nitro-glycerine is to buy the glycerine and acids and prepare it by simple mixing is very funny, almost as funny, in fact, as the following story from the *Virginia (Nevada) Enterprise*, of Jan. 12: "Yesterday morning, at the blacksmith shop of the Vivian mine, west of Silver City, a singular and startling explosion occurred, by which two men were severely injured. It appears that a bucket of water was being thawed out at the fire on the forge. There were four men in the shop, and while one of them was in the act of lifting the bucket off the fire it exploded with great violence. The bucket was torn to shreds, and Samuel Tangie, blacksmith, and George F. Oxton, miner, were struck and wounded by the flying pieces—the bucket being made of sheet iron. The two men were cut in several places, but their principal wounds are about the legs, the direction of most of the flying pieces of iron being downward. The explanation of this curious explosion undoubtedly is that a giant powder cartridge had been thawed out in the bucket and that its sides, and probably the surface of the water, were coated with a scum of oily matter (nitro-glycerine) boiled out of the cartridge."

We might have expected it. If a bucket of cold water, a lump of iron, a snowball, or any other highly explosive substance goes off knocking into numerous pieces the too confounding spectators, the story can generally be traced to the highly imaginative *Enterprise* of Virginia City. We presume they are explosions of the imagination. If a bunch of fire-crackers, a box of torpedoes, a can of powder, or a box of parlor matches, explodes or burns in a hurry, we are startled forthwith by a long account of a nitro-glycerine explosion, with harrowing details, and all the horror known to sensational literature of the day.

The following method of tinning various metals in the humid way is given by Wegler: A solution of perchloride of tin is first prepared by passing washed chlorine gas into concentrated aqueous solution of tin salt, and expelling the excess of chlorine by gently warming it, then diluting it with eight to ten times its volume of water, and filtering it, if necessary. The article, well pickled in dilute sulphuric acid, and polished with sand and a steel scratch brush, and rinsed with water, is loosely wound with a zinc wire, and immersed for ten or fifteen minutes, at the ordinary temperature, in the dilute solution of perchloride of tin. When tinmed in this way, it is raised, brushed with a scratch brush, dried and finally polished with whitening. This applies to tinning cast iron, wrought iron, steel, copper, brass, lead and zinc.

Pittsburgh Furnaces and Linings.

We give in the accompanying illustration half of a vertical section of the Lucy Furnace, at Pittsburgh, showing accurately the lines, and, in the smaller cut, a top view of two courses of brick, showing the method of breaking the joints. This also represents very



HALF SECTION OF THE LUCY FURNACE, PITTSBURGH.

nearly the lines of Isabella No. 1, now in blast, the only difference being in the boshes, which are 18 feet, and in the part immediately above the boshes. It will be noticed that the section



METHOD OF BREAKING JOINTS IN THE COURSES OF FIRE BRICK.

marked M is straight in the Lucy, forming in the furnace a complete cylinder 20 feet in diameter. In the Isabella the line from the bosh to the tunnel head is unknown.

The first lining used by these two furnaces, as well as Isabella No. 2 and Soho, was made

24 inches in thickness, of two lengths of brick. The cut marked N 1, N 2, N 3 and N 4 gives a top view of two courses of these bricks. The first course being made with a 16 inch and an 8 inch brick—together forming the 24 inch lining. In the next course the joints are broken by using an 8 inch brick inside and a 16 inch brick outside. This plan has been found to work well, but it is evident it would do better on a 30 inch lining, when the brick could be made in 18 inch and 12 inch lengths, and thus obviate the necessity of using anything so small as an 8 inch brick. But, we believe, the true idea is to make the whole lining in one length of brick, provided that as perfect brick could be made this size as the smaller sizes. It has heretofore been considered impracticable to make even a 24 inch lining brick in one length to bed accurately and with the radial joints true, the amount of breakage and labor in making being, proportionately, so much greater than in the small tile. Messrs. Harbison & Walker, however, seem to have demonstrated that a 30 inch lining brick can be made at a reasonable cost, and one that will work as accurately as a smaller brick. The great advantage in a lining of this thickness, all in one brick, will be evident to the most casual observer. In the lining first referred to, should one of the 8 inch brick from any cause whatever get worked out of place (and being so small, could easily be dislodged if the masonry was in any way defective), the result would be that in a short time, by the gravity of the materials inside the furnace, the 16 inch brick next above would be broken off, having lost 8 inches of its support; then would follow the 8 inch brick, and *vive versa*, until the top is reached. Thus 8 inches of the lining could in a very short time be lost on one whole side of the furnace, from one defective brick. Such a disaster would be effectively avoided by using one long brick. Another great objection to so long a brick as 30 inches has been the difficulty in getting them thoroughly and uniformly burned. This seems to have been overcome effectually, the samples we have seen being burned so hard from end to end that a cold chisel is necessary to cut them. They are almost as hard as cast iron, and at the same time highly refractory. An inspection of the 30 inch brick now being delivered to Isabella Furnace Company, for No. 2, seems to show this.

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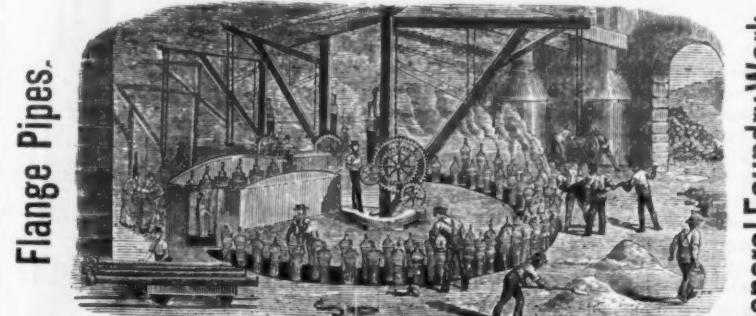
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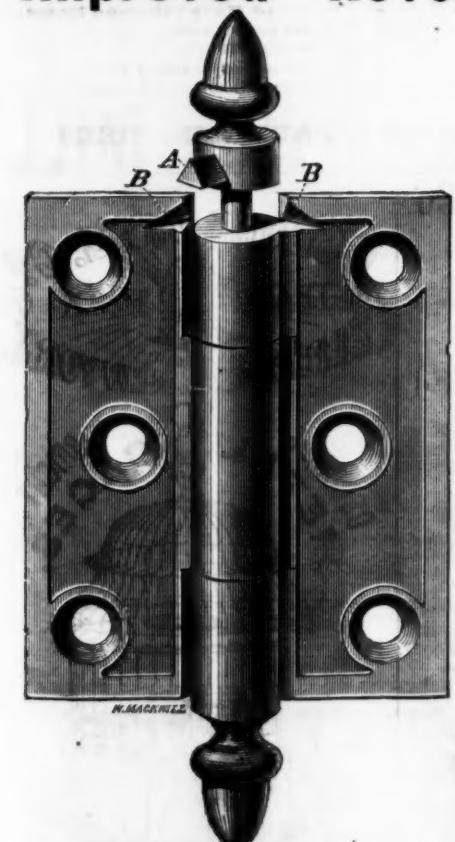
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Captain S. P. Griffin, in *Van Nostrand's Magazine* for March, has an article on this subject which is worth the careful consideration of all interested in ocean steamers. He says:

Seamen believe that the perils of ocean navigation can be very much lessened by correcting some of the evils which are well known to them. Fatal disasters to large passenger steamships are, in many instances, attributed to causes well understood beforehand, and known to have their origin in the continuance of a certain custom on board vessels, and in the uniformity of certain aids to navigation. From among the questions relating to the sea that demand attention, I will select two for discussion in this paper; the first one is the danger arising from "Watch and Watch."

From the earliest times to the present, in the internal economy of vessels, both large and small of all nations, in every sea, it has been, and still is the custom, to divide the crew into two watches, working what we designate "watch and watch," that is to say, four hours on and four hours off duty alternately. This plan of work in the days gone by, when vessels were comparatively few and small, and when time was of less value than it is now, apparently did not obstruct or interfere with the prosperity or the growth of commerce, or the successful navigation of the ocean, but, however well it has subserved a useful purpose in the past, it certainly requires to be changed so far as it is applicable in the present to the mates of ocean going steamships. The exigencies arising from the immense fleets, at all times, in every sea, sailing and steaming in every direction, upon all points of the compass, and the wonderful increase in the size and speed of first-class passenger steamships, render it absolutely necessary that, with proper regard for life and property, the deck at all times must be in charge of a man of well ascertained mental and physical abilities. Yet, it is a fact very well known to the initiated, that the custom of "watch and watch," will at times so impair a man's faculties, when thorough efficiency may be most urgently required, as to render him wholly unfit to discharge his important duties; within the experience, and subject to the observation of every one who goes to sea, is the significant reality that a man can not day after day, night after night, in good weather and in bad weather, preserve himself in a condition that qualifies him for every emergency, that inevitably sooner or later, at a critical time, he will be found wanting, and the most serious consequences may become involved in his temporary deficiency, even unto the total loss of the steamship with all on board; hence it is that those ashore hear of the most unaccountable shipwrecks; hence it is that sweet water critics can see the error of judgment, can detect the mistake in navigation, which was the immediate cause of an appalling disaster.

I will describe the duties of a mate at sea, a mate who is intrusted with a watch, he who has charge of the deck of a steamship, freighted with 2000 tons of cargo and a thousand human lives; the steamship runs at a speed of 14 knots an hour across a crowded sea, upon dangerous coast, in sunshine or in darkness, in rain or in fog; it is all the same, on she goes with life or death awaiting her, depending to a considerable extent upon the skill, courage and self-possession of this man. His station is upon the forward bridge, within easy call to the man at the wheel, close to the standard compass, and to an engine bell pull. He must not on any account leave it, unless he is regularly relieved. He must keep on his feet, in constant motion, to see that the ship is on her assigned course, that proper sail is carried, that the yards are trimmed, that order is maintained about decks, that the rules concerning lights and fires are obeyed; he must keep a bright look-out ahead and all around, he must listen for unusual sounds, he must be ready to detect unusual smells, he must be ceaseless in his vigilance during the period of his watch. A ter is relieved at the termination of his watch, he must write in the deck-log the remarks that he thinks are necessary to keep up the narrative of the voyage, he must see that the proper entries are made of barometric and thermometric indications, of the direction and force of the wind, the character of the weather, of the sea and the speed of the ship, he communicates with his relief, and he goes below. This is an outline of the duties when off watch, or in his "watch below," as it is called: He has to take and work out observations for latitude, for longitude, for variation and deviation, and every day, soon after meridian, he must send in to the captain a carefully prepared report of his "day's work," he must attend quarters for fire and boat exercises, he must be always ready to respond to any sudden call for all hands, he must by his example and his teaching help to inspire confidence, and to maintain discipline.

Let us now enter into a brief examination of the effect of this custom of "watch and watch" in its application to mates of steamships. Let us endeavor to understand its operation for good or for evil, as it now prevails upon hundreds of them on duty in every sea. Let us learn if there are not dangers of the deep that are probably never thought of, or even known to exist by those who own the steamships, or by the thousands of passengers who go from port to port in them.

Of the twenty-four hours that compose a day, the mate who stands his "watch and watch," spends twelve of them upon the bridge in charge of the deck. In being called ten minutes before the termination of a watch, so as to be ready to relieve when the bell strikes, and in occupations after it one and a half hours are consumed; at his meals, smoking, and another thing or two, three hours; in observa-

tions, day's work, reports, exercises, and what not, one and a half hours more, making in all eighteen hours, thus leaving him only six hours for sleep, to be picked up at intervals between the watches, as best he can, subject to innumerable disturbing influences. Is this amount of rest, and the way of getting it, enough for a working man anywhere? Is it enough for a man who is exposed to the severe trials of a hard winter in our wild North Atlantic? Do we not see from this that it is beyond the power of human endurance to keep up under it? May we not here begin to find an explanation for some occurrences which in their mysteries have hitherto baffled investigation? I assure you that the custom of "watch and watch," the custom that compels a man to undertake more than he is capable of doing, is the ultimate cause of many of the heart rending disasters which have come to us from the sea.

I will present an every day case to you—it will be at once recognized by any person who is familiar with the "way things are done aboard ship." It may be in a prolonged gale of wind, in winter, cold, black and gloomy, spray flying everywhere, and freezing where it falls, the decks are slipping, with ice, and dangerous from the violent motion of the ship; or it may rain incessantly, or it may be an impenetrable fog. The mate who takes charge of the deck at Meridian, is relieved at 4 p.m., and soon afterward he goes below; he gets his supper, enjoys his smoke, and at 6 p.m. again takes charge of the deck for the second dog-watch, which terminates at 8 p.m. As soon as he is relieved he writes up the deck-log, then hurries below, shakes off his dunning, and by one bell—half past eight—he is turned in and asleep. At ten minutes before midnight he is called for the mid-watch, from 12 to 4 a.m. He has had less than three and a half hours sleep; he went below in wet clothes, he comes on deck in wet clothes, aching and weary from past exertions and insufficient rest. He takes charge, he receives the course, the orders, a statement of the condition of things; he inspects the compass, speaks to the man at the wheel, has the look-out, cautions the "watch" to stand-by, he shakes himself for warmth, and commences to walk the bridge; he exerts himself to be faithful to his trust, to discharge his responsible duties to the best of his abilities, but, before the termination of his four hours, the time begins to drag wearily along, and at last he becomes conscious of his weakening faculties, aware of the danger that will attend his neglect, and of the accountability to which he will be held, he makes a struggle with himself, and barely succeeds in keeping himself awake; those who keep "watch and watch," in charge of the decks of steamships know all of this well enough; those who have not had the experience, and who doubt the accuracy of the statement, can easily find proof of it, if, in the next passage they are going, they will faithfully stand the watches.

Thus far I have spoken of the mate who has "eight hours in," who goes below after 4 a.m. and turns out again before seven bells—half past seven.

Then how much more trying will be the case of the mate who has "eight hours out," he who keeps the watch from 8 p.m. to midnight, and again the watch from 4 a.m. to 8 a.m. Is it not utterly impossible for him to look to windward in a northeast snow storm eight hours of a night?

Is it not beyond human endurance to remain in a freezing atmosphere, exposed to the fury of wind and sleet, for that length of time, holding on like grim death against the heavy laboring of the ship and not impairing the powers of mind and body, the whole strength of which may be on the instant necessary for the safety of the ship?

Most persons who travel by sea, if they trouble themselves to think at all about such things, believe that men are able to do it, that they get hardened to that sort of thing, you know, until at last they do not care the least bit about it.

The timid, as they lie stowed away in soft blankets in the warm bunks of the after cabin, would shudder at the frequent narrow risks they run if they did but know of them; they would be overcome with horror at the thought that in the dark and fearful night a weary worn-out mate is straining his imperfect vision to make the dim outline of the rock bound shore, upon which the ship is madly rushing; and he cannot see it, nor can he see the approaching sail, nor the warning rays of a light, nor hear the indistinct roar of breakers, nor the feeble tones of a bell, nor catch the presence of unusual elements on board nearly so well as when he is in good condition.

A mate does not complain about the dangerous effects produced upon him by the custom of "watch and watch;" he does not confess his absolute physical inability to thoroughly fulfill all of the requirements of his position, for the alternative as the economy of the ship is managed, and of which he has the greatest dread, is to discharge him with a black mark against his name, and to ship another in his place who will not growl and grumble at his ordinary work. Therefore he keeps his troubles to himself, the evils continue unabated, and it happens at last, that a steamer with her freight of life and riches runs swiftly on to meet a terrible fate without a single timely effort having been made to prevent her.

Hence it may be safely declared that risks of collision, of stranding, of fire, in short all risks pertaining to the sea will be very much lessened if the decks of vessels are always left in charge of intelligent men refreshed by sufficient sleep in comfortable quarters, instead of others completely exhausted by excess of work and prolonged exposure. I conscientiously believe that many of the disasters to ocean going vessels are due to the dangers that I have tried to explain, and to others well known to seaman and

such as are within the control of man's capacity as a reformer.

Another word or two upon the dangers arising from the custom of "watch and watch" at sea. It is not only in dark or foggy weather that accidents occur, it is not only in long continued winter gales that ships are lost; but with the moon and stars shining out in all of their glory, in a beautifully transparent atmosphere, in warm tropical nights, in unruffled water, in a dead calm, vessels run into each other, and others run squarely ashore. The drowsy mate could not see, or seeing could not comprehend, or did not act in time to avert an impending calamity. Instances of this kind are by no means uncommon, and I could easily relate a number of them perfectly well authenticated, but in doing so I might make inviolable distinctions, and direct censure where, as we have seen, there may be mitigating circumstances in the case. But proofs may be found in the marine columns of the daily newspapers by those who know what meaning to put upon the reports.

The reform that is necessary to correct the evils spoken of—the change in a long established custom of the sea, that will often times save ships from destruction, is not in itself a very great one, it is inexpensive, and it can be made at once without any derangement of good order and discipline—it is this: Put mates of ocean going steamships in three watches, instead of keeping them in two, give them four hours on and eight hours off watch.

As steamships are manned now, this change can be made without any increase to the compliment allowed to them, therefore there will not be any expense attending it.

Let us inquire into the operation of the three watches rule, and see how it affects the mates. He who takes the watch from m. to 4 p.m. has time for his supper, a smoke and a snooze, before he is called for the first watch. At 8 p.m. he is again on the bridge, where he remains until midnight, he then goes below until 8 a.m., then, once more, he takes charge for the forenoon watch, under this rule he has eight hours in every night, he has time to take proper care of himself, to dry his clothes, to keep his room in order, to be accurate in his day's work, and, far above all else, he is strong in body, clear headed and self possessed, when he takes charge of the deck—he fully and faithfully performs the duties as officer of the watch.

Kenton Furnace.

The Greenup Independent gives a history of Kenton Furnace, from which we quote as follows:

In June, 1853, Mr. John Waring commenced the erection of Kenton Furnace, on Big White Oak Creek, in the county of Greenup, six miles from Quincy, on the Ohio River, constructing a stack of 32 feet high by 10 feet across the boshes. Work was pushed ahead so energetically that in the spring of 1854 blast could be put on, and for three consecutive years the furnace, under Mr. Waring's sole control, gave good satisfaction, averaging some six tons daily.

In order to carry on operations on a larger scale, Mr. Waring associated with him in 1857 Messrs. Partlow & Fox, who then continued the manufacture of iron until 1858 when due to a want of ready means, the firm of Waring, Partlow & Co. was forced to suspend.

The property was, thereafter, on the 7th of May, 1863, sold to its present owners, C. A. M. Damatin & Co., Ellis, McAlpin & Co., and R. Bell & Co., who soon thereafter constituted themselves into the Kenton Furnace, Railroad and Manufacturing Company, under a charter granted by the Legislature of Kentucky.

After thorough and complete repairs of the buildings, houses, etc., and the stack having been changed to 37½ feet by 10½ feet, the furnace was again blown in 1868, after having been idle for nearly nine years.

The operations of the present company have been very successful, continuing until in March, 1875, when the depressed condition of the iron market decided the owners to await more favorable prices and an increase of demand. The yield of the furnace has varied between 12 and 15 tons daily, of very superior quality of hot blast pig.

Coal house, store building, forty laborers' houses, etc., are in fair condition. The lands, amounting to 7260 acres, mainly located in Greenup county (small portions extending over into Lewis county), abound with valuable timber, three-fifths of the tract being covered with the original growth; the remainder is fast growing up in good second, the coals of 1853-4 now being nearly ready for use.

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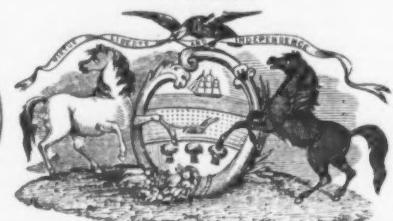
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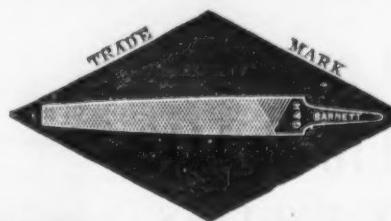
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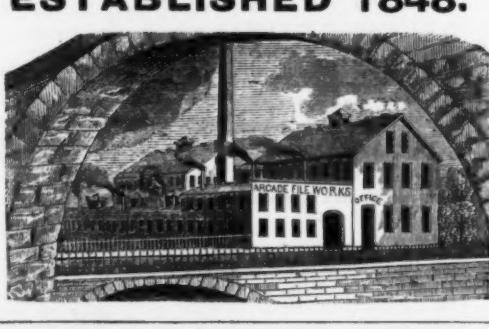
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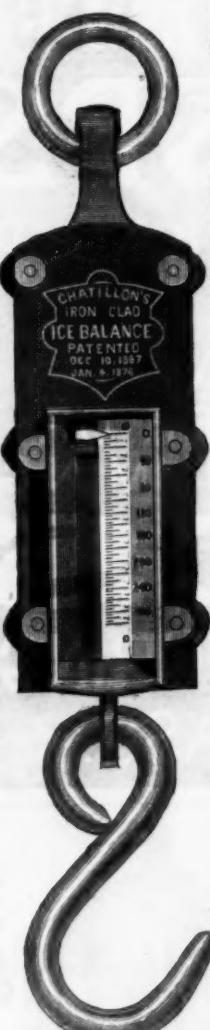
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New Patents.

We take from the records of the Patent Office of Washington the following specifications of certain patents, lately issued, which will be found interesting:

IMPROVEMENT IN METALLURGICAL FURNACES.

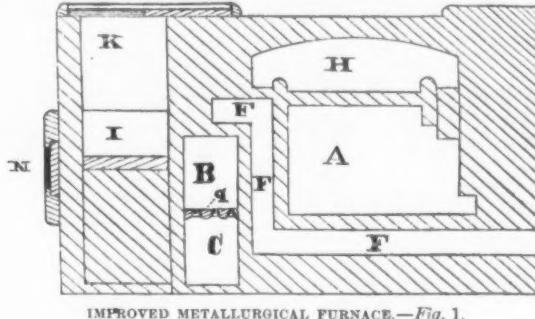
Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 171,321, dated December 21, 1875, issued to Elliot Savage, of West Meriden, Connecticut.

The objects of this invention are, first, to prevent the oxidation of the metal in the smelting chamber when brought to a high temperature by supplying said chamber with the reducing gases at the requisite degree of heat to smelt the metal without producing complete combustion in the chamber; and, second, to prevent the waste of fuel by supplying the reducing gases after leaving the smelting chamber with a fresh supply of oxygen to produce complete combustion, and utilize the heat thus produced to heat the reducing gases to the proper temperature before entering the smelting chamber.

thousand and five hundred thermal units produced by the perfect combustion of one pound of carbon, there remain eight thousand and eight hundred thermal units. Should the process stop here the waste of fuel is very great; but if the four and two-thirds pounds of carbonic oxide gas is mixed with a sufficient quantity of fresh air of proper temperature it will burn with a blue flame, and the product will be seven and one-third pounds of carbonic acid gas, the amount of heat developed in the process amounting to twenty thousand and two hundred thermal units. Adding to this the eight thousand and eight hundred thermal units above, we have twenty-nine thousand thermal units as the result of the perfect combustion of two pounds of carbon.

It is well known to metallurgists that carbonic oxide in its action upon metals and metallic oxides is a reducing gas, and that metals are not readily oxidized, even when exposed to it at a high temperature. It is also known that when metals which have an affinity for oxygen are exposed to the action of carbonic acid gas at a high temperature they are rapidly oxidized, and thus burned up and wasted.

In the furnaces in common use for manufacturing wrought iron, the atmosphere of the



IMPROVED METALLURGICAL FURNACE.—Fig. 1.

It is well known that in the ordinary process of combustion oxygen and carbon can be made to combine in two definite proportions, forming carbonic oxide (CO) or carbonic acid (CO_2); carbonic oxide being formed when carbon is burned in a limited supply of oxygen; carbonic acid being the result of the perfect combustion of carbon; carbonic oxide containing one atom of carbon and one atom of oxygen; carbonic acid being composed of one atom of carbon and two atoms of oxygen. When one pound of carbon is combined in the process of combustion with one and one-third pound of oxygen the total amount of heat developed is four thousand four hundred British thermal units,

heating chamber is usually kept in such a state as to prevent the oxidation of the iron while it is being heated. This is accomplished by supplying the combustion chamber of the furnace with a large amount of carbon, which, of necessity, must be burned in a limited supply of air, which results in a large waste of fuel.

The method of preventing this waste will be understood by the following description of improved metallurgical furnace.

In the drawing, Fig. 1 is a central vertical section of the furnace. Fig. 2 is a vertical cross section through line z z, Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 is a longitudinal vertical section through v v, Fig. 2.

A is the walls or mason work. B is the first combustion chamber; C, the ash-pit; D, the uptake. E is a flue through which air is conducted to the ash-pit. F is the flue, and F' its walls for conducting air to the second combustion chamber O. G is the flue in which the reducing gases are heated, and through which they are conducted to the smelting chamber H. I is the inclined dead plate of the fuel chamber, down which the fuel passes to the first combustion chamber B. J is a support for the wall of flue G. K is the fuel chamber or coal box. L is the door of the smelting chamber; P, the entrance to the same; N, the door or stoking hole of the combustion chamber B. O is the second combustion chamber (completely surrounding flue G), in which the gases, after leaving the smelting chamber H, and taking a fresh supply of oxygen through perforations leading from flue F, are completely consumed.

The mode of operation is as follows: Fire being kindled in first combustion chamber B, and box K being filled with coal, air is forced through flue E into ash pit C, and up through grate bars q. Complete combustion is produced immediately above the grate bars. The result of this complete combustion (CO_2), passing up through the incandescent fuel receive from the fuel being coked on dead plate I another portion of carbon, forming carbonic oxide, this reducing gas passing through flue G into smelting chamber H, and from there into chamber O, receiving, after leaving chamber H, a fresh supply of air through the perforations leading from flue F, the perfect combustion of the fuel is accomplished. The heat thus generated by this second combustion is communicated to the walls of chamber O and the flue G, the gases then passing out into the air through the uptake D. When a sufficiently high temperature has been attained for the purpose desired, the combustion can be retarded by regulating the supply of air through the air passages E and F, and thus a great saving of fuel accomplished, and a strictly reducing gas introduced into and maintained in the smelting chamber, while the oxidizing flame is confined entirely to the chamber O.

For the purpose of completely preventing any air entering the chamber H, the passage from said chamber is made smaller than the entering passage to it, thus causing and maintaining an upward pressure in the chamber H.

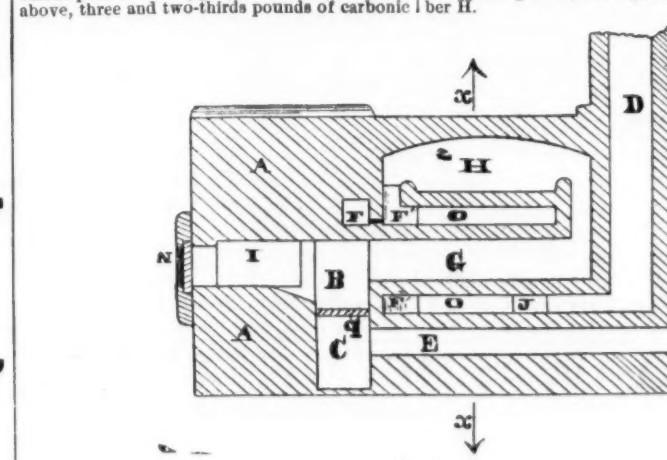


Fig. 3.

Claim.—1. The combination, substantially as hereinbefore set forth, of the flue for conducting the heated gases from the combustion chamber to the smelting chamber, and the second combustion chamber for heating

2. The combination, substantially as hereinbefore set forth, of the flue for conducting the heated gases from the first combustion chamber, the second combustion chamber for heating said flue, and the smelting chamber intervening said flue and second combustion chamber.

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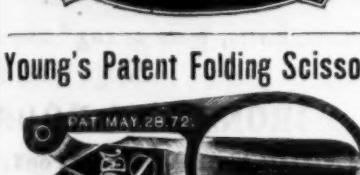
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The coal trade continues without any change of feature, suspension of work, stagnation and universal dullness prevailing in all its departments. At a meeting of the Schuylkill County Coal Exchange, held during the week, it was determined to continue the present suspension until the third of April, on condition that the operators in the other anthracite regions decide to suspend, of which there is no doubt. A new constitution and by-laws was adopted, the most important changes being the following:

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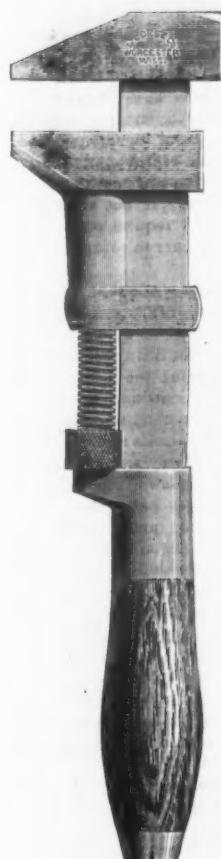
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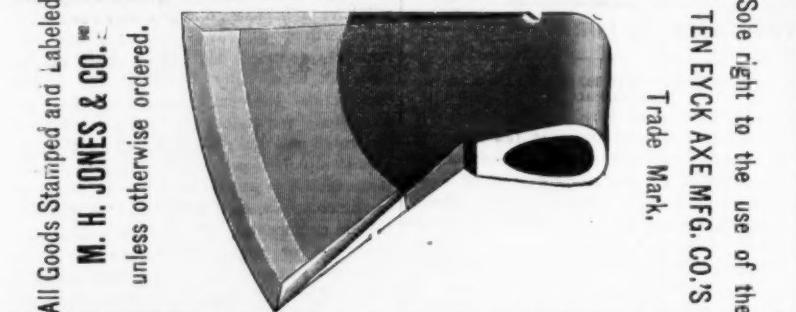
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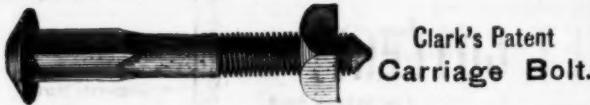
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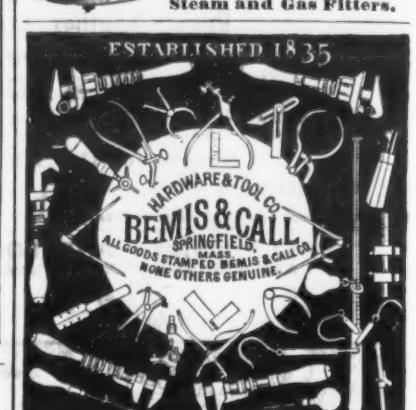
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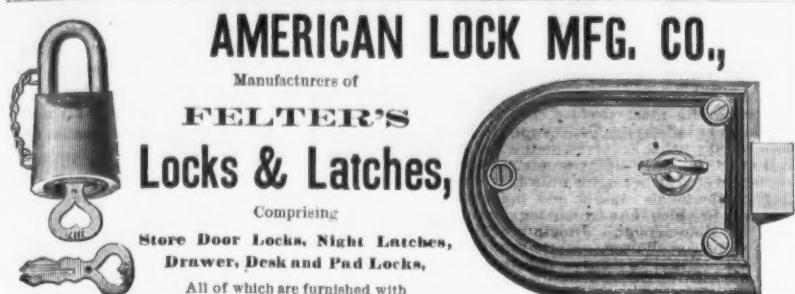
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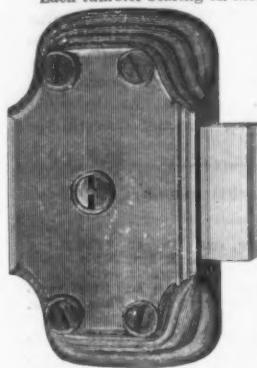
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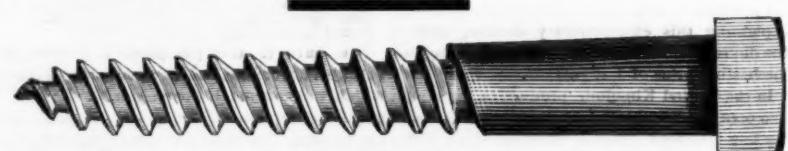
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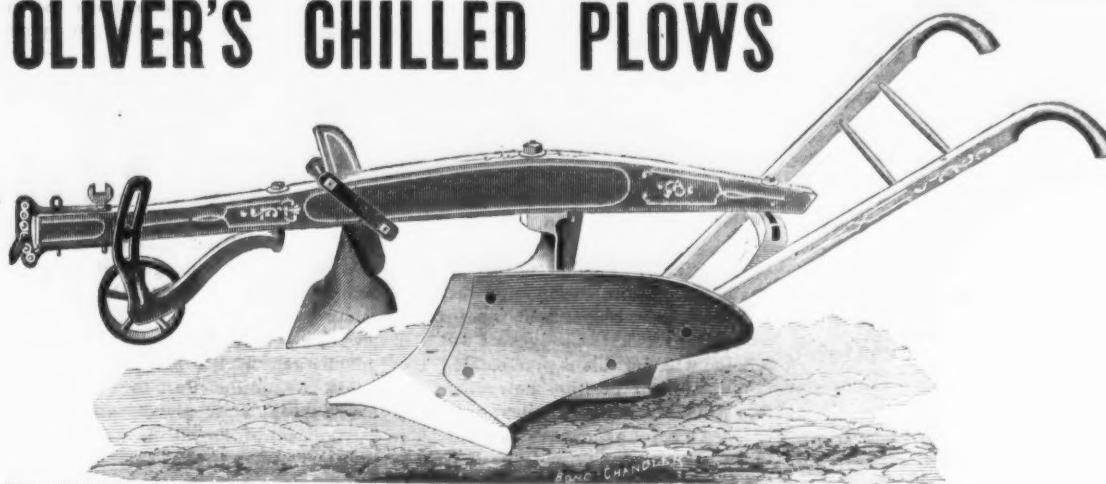
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Manufactured Iron.

The announcement of the suspension of the long established and apparently successful firm of Zug & Co., Pittsburgh, with liabilities of upward of half a million, will occasion a shock of surprise in the iron trade. For thirty years the senior member of the firm has been in the rolling mill business, and the firm names of Lindsay, Zug & Co., Zug & Painter and Zug & Co. have been known for a generation. Their mill was, in some respects, especially in economy of labor in handling material, regarded as the model mill of Pittsburgh, and it has always been supposed that they could make iron as cheap as any other mill in that iron producing city. They have run largely on specialties, particularly agricultural iron, and yet, in spite of all this, the end has come.

We do not need a succession of such failures to show us that the time has come when the manufacturers of merchant iron in this country should cry "Halt" and see how severe their defeat has been, and whether there is any necessity of a further retreat. There is no

doubt that they have met a severe reverse, more wide-spread and damaging than they at first supposed possible. Prices have been steadily falling until they no longer bear any relation to the cost of production; one manufacturer after another has gone into bankruptcy, until it is estimated that forty per cent. of the iron works of the country have failed; and for a majority of the makers of rolled iron, a further doing of business at a loss means inevitable financial ruin. Further retreat is cut off by the ubiquitous sheriff, and their only safety lies in making a bold stand for fair prices. Let us have a council of war to determine whether this is practicable.

What is their position now? Merchant iron has fallen and still fallen, until it has touched a point as low as we ever reached in the history of the iron trade of the country, and even at these low figures—in many cases far below the cost of production—buyers will only place orders for immediate demands. In times past, when iron fell to cost, merchants hastened to fill up their warehouses. They do not do it now. They are afraid that next week there will be a lower price and they will be caught with a full warehouse and the market still falling. We know a western dealer who thought when nails were at \$2.90 that they could not go lower, and he placed a large order. Before they were in his warehouse he could buy at \$2.80, a short time after at \$2.70, and thinking himself safe, and to "hedge," he bought another large order. Now he proposes to wait to see what time will bring forth. What merchants want to know is two things: 1st. That the offer is as low as iron can be bought, and 2d, that bottom has been reached. It is a curious fact in the trade that those most anxious for an advance are not the manufacturers, but the merchants. Nothing would please the latter so much as to be obliged to pay 25c. for iron.

Then as to the consumption and production. In this retreat some have fallen out by the wayside, and to-day the actual production is not much, if any, in excess of consumption. However this may be, one thing is certain, that all the iron that is being rolled is sold for consumption, and not a keg of nails or a bar of iron less would be sold if nails were \$3 and bars 25c.

All a buyer wants to know seems to be whether the price asked is the lowest at which he can buy. Once touch absolute bottom, and there will be no more trouble in getting a higher price, and it rests with the manufacturers to say whether this shall be so or not. We have an impression that if the council of war we have been advocating were held, it would be found that the force that has driven the iron trade to its present extremity has not been a pressure from without, but a panic from within.

Blue Spectacles.

This is a good season for the croakers, and they are certainly making the most of their opportunity. We meet them at every turn—in business, in society, at home and abroad: they come to see us and pour their melancholy plaint into our unwilling ears; they waylay us on the street corners, and thrust their gloomy predictions on us through the mails. Everybody seems to be looking about him through blue spectacles just now, and the universal cry is that "the country is going to the dogs," and, "those are best off who have nothing to lose." Manufacturers wring their hands and tell us they see no hope now or in the future; tradesmen tell us they would assign their present and prospecting profits to anyone who would guarantee them a modest living; political economists and financial theorists tell us that what we have passed through is not a circumstance to the disaster which awaits us—unless Congress will promptly carry out their ideas of financial legislation; capitalists tell us that everything is rotten, and that a man with a few dollars is scarcely safe in investing it anywhere; and the great army of those who are neither manufacturers, nor business men, nor intelligent theorists, nor capitalists, nor anything else in particular, take up the melancholy refrain, "Hard times and worse coming," and chant it in the minor key, until the very atmosphere is heavy with plaints of present misfortune and predictions of impending disaster.

In the midst of all this weeping and wailing, it is gratifying to reflect that a majority of men cannot see beyond the ends of their noses, even with the aid of the blue spectacles they derive so much satisfaction from wearing. It is the same old story; every summer is hotter than any other summer ever was; every winter is more uncomfortable than any previous winter thought of being; every cotton crop is destroyed while it is growing; we are never going to have more than half an average yield of breadstuffs and fruits—until the crops are gathered;

every year is a bad one for business—until the balance sheet is made up: every panic is worse in its immediate and permanent effects than any previous panic; and when times are hard, they are a great deal harder than ever before, and will continue so for ever. Yet, somehow, the summers and winters average very uniform; the crops are pretty generally good; times are seldom half as bad as people think, and panics are sandwiched in between periods of very comfortable general prosperity; one generation forgets the troubles of those which preceded it; and the world continues to revolve, notwithstanding the predictions of the prophets that it must soon give up the effort to preserve its individuality as a planet and make an assignment of its effects in favor of the sun. Twenty years hence a majority of Americans will have forgotten that we had a panic in 1873, and closed the first century with the ultimate of the manufacturers was \$4.62½ per ton for boiling, without scale, until Nov. 1, or a scale on the basis of \$4.50 on a \$2.50 card, guaranteeing the puddlers against a decline below \$4.62½ before Nov. 1, and giving them the benefit of any advance beyond this. The boilers rejected this, and offered \$4.75 until Nov. 1, without a card. This was rejected, and as the matter stands now there is no price, no agreement, no prospective meetings, and each mill can do as it pleases.

have said concerning the unreliability of English block signals, in an article in *Iron*. We quote as follows:

Another proof of the little reliability to be placed upon the most perfect theoretical arrangements in railway traffic, is supplied by the serious accident that occurred on the Metropolitan District line on Saturday evening last week. Like the Great Northern, this railway is worked strictly on the block system, and the Addison Road train, to which the accident happened, had passed the Hammersmith Junction before the one following was allowed to start. But the train in advance, owing to some mismanagement, combined with the dense fog and state of the rails, was allowed to slip back on the points, and was thus run into, the hinder carriage being crushed up, and the passengers in it, although no one was killed outright, fearfully shaken. Several of them were much cut about the face and other parts of the body and bled profusely, and in all such cases, many will have their health permanently injured and their lives shortened in consequence. Like the officials of other lines those of the Metropolitan District endeavored to hush up the affair, maintaining the closest reticence with regard to the nature and extent of the casualty.

Inferior cars, insufficient brake power, overworking of servants, and too absolute a dependence upon imperfect systems of automatic electric signalling, are defects in English railway construction and management which the engineers of that country could easily correct by a closer study of American practice.

At the conference between the boilers and manufacturers, at Pittsburgh, last Monday evening, nothing was done; the meeting adjourned *sine die*, and the conferences are at an end. It is understood that the ultimatum of the manufacturers was \$4.62½ per ton for boiling, without scale, until Nov. 1, or a scale on the basis of \$4.50 on a \$2.50 card, guaranteeing the puddlers against a decline below \$4.62½ before Nov. 1, and giving them the benefit of any advance beyond this. The boilers rejected this, and offered \$4.75 until Nov. 1, without a card. This was rejected, and as the matter stands now there is no price, no agreement, no prospective meetings, and each mill can do as it pleases.

Mr. Wm. Richards, a well known iron manufacturer, of Warren, O., died on Sunday the 27th ult. Mr. Richards was born in Wales, but came to this country when quite a young man, and has long been identified with the iron industries of the Mahoning Valley, having built the Girard and Warren furnaces, and made successful for a number of years the Warren Rolling Mill. The panic of 1873 affected his business interests disastrously; for two years his works have been idle, and no doubt his financial troubles have hastened his death.

The Decline in Tin.

The depreciation in the value of tin has been surprisingly rapid since the commencement of the year. An examination of the production in 1875, on the one hand, and of the deliveries on the other, together with the present statistical position of tin, will materially assist us in explaining this extraordinary decline, which has depressed the metal to a figure even below the bottom price of last year.

In the United Kingdom production from native ores in 1875, instead of decreasing according to a previous careful estimate some 3000 tons, was diminished, according to the official figures since received, only 442 tons. There was an increase of output of Banca and Billiton, last year, of 719 tons over and above the yield of 1874. At the Straits settlements, the disturbance at Perak impeded production and the free outflow of tin during a couple of weeks at most. The output thus reached a figure not hitherto attained, resulting in an increase of 3423 tons. Australia, notwithstanding a prolonged drought, produced an excess over 1874 of 1412 tons. The shipments during the winter months were unusually heavy, favored, as they were, by the wool shipping season, which causes to be taken at a reduced freight for the sake of good stowage. The prospective supply is liberal both from the mainland and Tasmania. The amended figures of production are therefore as follows:

1875. 1874. 1873. 1872.

Tons. Tons. Tons. Tons.

United Kingdom... 9,500 9,942 9,970 9,560

Banca and Billiton... 7,925 7,206 7,382 6,149

Straits..... 11,000 7,577 6,963 9,785

Australia..... 7,218 5,800 3,990 150

Total..... 35,648 30,525 27,258 25,644

After deducting the shipments to the United States, and adding the estimated quantity of Australian ore used, the deliveries in 1875, in England and Holland, were 18,400 tons, against 15,439 and 11,310 the previous two years. The world's consumption last year is put down by competent European statisticians at 32,500 tons, against 27,000 in 1874. There were consequently 4500 tons more consumed, as an offset against an increased output of 5118 tons.

At the close of the first month of the present year, the visible supply, as compared with the preceding two years, stood as follows:

STOCK OF TIN AFLOAT FOR EUROPE.

Jan. 31, Jan. 31, Jan. 31, 1876. 1875. 1874.

Tons. Tons. Tons.

Banca on warrants..... 1,113 1,015 1,070

Banca Trading Company.... 1,658 3,945 3,360

Billiton..... 875 980 850

Straits and Australian at London..... 6,038 8,351 2,326

Total..... 9,684 9,191 7,556

AMOUNT OF TIN AFLOAT FOR EUROPE.

Jan. 31, Jan. 31, Jan. 31, 1876. 1875. 1874.

Tons. Tons. Tons.

Banca..... 431 70 350

Billiton..... 1,000 380 270

indeed. The draughtsmen have, apparently, hit upon a style of drawing which is admirably rendered by the process. A whole article could be written upon the designs alone, but want of space compels us to be brief. We do suggest to those who wish to build that they can't do better than to spend a few evenings in carefully studying this work. In an artistic point of view these designs are very valuable, and will do much toward developing good taste in building.

Meeting of the American Institute of Mining Engineers.

(Continued.)

CORNWALL IRON ORE BED.*

Dr. Hunt began his address by stating that the iron ores of the United States had been referred to two divisions. 1st. The Laurentian, to which were to be referred the ores of the Adirondacks, and the Huronian, in which are classified the ores of Northern Michigan and also probably those of the Iron Mountain of Missouri.

Beside these there is another group of ores to be discussed. The South Mountain, of Pennsylvania, was traced by the speaker from its origin in the Highlands to its termination, and the character of the rock described as real Laurentian gneiss.

It has hitherto been thought that in the Laurentian and Huronian could be included all the ores known, but the ores at Cornwall are so peculiar that they deserve examination and study to see if this theory be correct.

Their situation is this: Four or five miles south of Lebanon rises three or four hills, representing together an oval 400 feet long at each end and 800 feet at its greatest diameter. This oval is cut by ravines into the three hills mentioned, one the East Hill, the so-called Big Hill, 300 feet high, the Middle, 100 feet high, and the Grassy Hill, 70 or 80 feet. This is a mass of almost pure iron ore, magnetic, regularly stratified and almost horizontal. This mass of iron is walled about by ridges of eruptive doleritic rock or trap. The fact of this ridge being elliptical was dwelt upon, and also in connection with it reference was made to the fact that in the Connecticut Valley there is a decided tendency of the trap to take this same form.

The question arose, How came this peculiar deposit of ore there, and to what group of rocks are they to be referred? Prof. Rogers placed them among his primal slates and sandstones, others have referred them to the Triassic age. Dr. Hunt was inclined to accept the classification of Prof. Rogers.

A further interesting question was, How has this body of ore been preserved? I conceive that there must have been at some time a large deposit of ore that has been subject to erosion, and this has been preserved by its wall of trap.

It has been supposed by some that the character of the ore has been changed by the trap, but of this I find no evidence.

As to the extent of the deposit, borings have been made with the diamond drill in the Middle Hill to the depth of 300 feet; 200 feet below the water level and the bottom of the deposit was not reached. Remembering that the Big Hill is 300 feet high, we shall have a mass of iron at least 500 feet in vertical thickness in this hill.

The peculiar mineral and chemical character of the ore was referred to. It is comparatively soft, with little phosphorus, of a granular nature, associated with copper and a little cobalt. It seems well adapted for Bessemer metal, and at Hillsburgh 25 per cent. is used.

The deposits at Dillsburg and its vicinity were described as belonging to the same geological horizon, and closely related in mineralogical associations. The ores of Wheatfield, and of several other localities in the vicinity of Reading, are similar, as likewise those of Boyertown, further eastward. Here, at a depth of more than 300 feet, a bed of magnetic ore, nearly 200 feet in thickness, was traversed in a boring, and a shaft has recently been sunk for the purpose of working it.

The Jones Mine, on the south side of the red sandstone belt, which has so long been noted both for iron and copper, is another large deposit belonging to the same class.

These ores are distinct from those of the Laurentian, seen in the South Mountain, and also from those of the Huronian of Michigan, and belong to a new horizon whose importance to the metallurgy of Pennsylvania has only begun to be recognized.

DISCUSSION ON THE ABOVE.

Prof. Persifor Frazer, Jr.:

In my association with the last speaker, during his temporary visit to my district of York and Adams counties, in the Pennsylvania Geological Survey, last summer, I was accustomed to speak of the ores he alludes to, and to regard them, like most others, as due to the alteration of ferruginous minerals by the contact of dykes of trap. There was good excuse for the belief in the necessary connection of the ore and the trap, for, in the Dillsburg district, the former seldom or never occurs without the latter. Since last summer further explorations have revealed several facts bearing on the question of the horizon of these ores, none of which are inconsistent with the theory defended by Dr. Hunt, that these ores belong to the base of the Palaeozoic and not to the Mesozoic formation. The South Mountain (south of the Susquehanna) reaches its maximum breadth on the Chambersburg turnpike, where it consists of a series of interlocking ridges between eight and nine miles in width. In the second of these valleys between these ridges, and lying among the soft Huronian schists, two miles or more from the margin of the new red sandstone, and perhaps hundreds of feet below the upper horizon of these schists, occurs a specular ore of very

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great beauty and apparently great purity, resembling in a remarkable manner the similar ores inside the "New Red." It is proper to state that the traps are always in contact with the ores of this district, and so far as examined they seem to be dolerite, melaphyll or syenite, generally the first. But there is nothing inconsistent with the view that these traps acted to protect and not to form the ore. In one bank, where the ore deposits were found on only one side of a dyke, my first view was that the dyke in its up-flow had forced up the slabs of sandstone and mud rock, and subsequently filled by percolation in the iron solutions and then altered by heat. Recent exploitation has discovered one, also, on the other side.

Prof. B. Silliman, Jr.:

In connection with this ore, found at Jones Mine, near Birdsboro, and which also exists in other localities, there are some very interesting facts. This ore is a complex hydrated silicate of alumina, iron and copper. It is well-known that Messrs. Hunt and Douglass have perfected a process for extracting copper from ores low in the metal, as low as from 3 to 10 per cent., with a loss of only one-half of one per cent. of all the copper contained.

There are two classes of ores to which this is applicable. 1st. Hard ores; 2d. Soft ores. The first class are treated with crushing and roasting as an ore of this class. The total average amount of copper in these ores is 3 to 4 per cent., ranging from 2 to 5. This is too much copper to go into a blast furnace, and not enough to go into a copper furnace. Hence this is an admirable case for the Hunt and Douglass process. If the refuse could be used it would be valuable. The wet fix afforded an opportunity for its use. The sand resulting could be used for this purpose, as it contained 60 to 70 per cent. of iron, free from sulphur, and practically free from phosphorus.

The soft ores, when examined *in situ*, were found to be a rock of imperfect stratification that has decayed. It showed on analysis to have 25 per cent. of water and 8 per cent. of water of hydration. Some of it contained as high as 12 per cent. of copper, but it run about 5 per cent.

The question was how to use this ore. In continuation of this subject, Prof. Silliman described a new muffle furnace.

ON A MUFFLE FOR CALCINING CERTAIN COPPER ORES.

Remarks by Prof. B. Silliman:

The ore in question, the Jones mine, near Birdsboro, Pa., which exists also in other localities, is a complex hydrated silicate of magnesia, alumina, iron and copper, presenting a problem which has hitherto baffled all efforts for its successful treatment with a view to extract its copper. Experiments conducted by Messrs. Hunt and Douglass, on a scale of some magnitude, proved last year that when this ore was heated with carbon, out of contact with air, the copper is rendered quite soluble in a solution of ferrous chloride and common salt.

The furnace described is a double muffle-heated by one fire and contained in one arch, the heat passages being so arranged that a perfect uniformity of temperature in all parts is attained. These muffles are built of the most refractory fire brick, very carefully laid and stayed to avoid distortion. They are calculated to contain about 7 to 8 tons each of dry ore mixed with 5-10 per cent. of coal dust. The muffles are charged from above by two man holes. The dimensions of each chamber are 12 feet high, 10 feet deep and 2 feet wide. They are discharged by draw doors on a level with the floor of the muffle. The time required to heat a charge in these muffles is about 40 hours, depending on the degree of dryness of the ore. To obtain the ores in a suitably dry condition, the waste heat of the furnace, as it escapes from the muffles, is carried through an extensive series of flues covered by tiles, on which the ores, as they come from the mine, are spread and turned, and when nearly dry are mixed with the coal dust. The consumption of fuel is about 1 ton in 24 hours. Bituminous coal is used, and the flame is made to ascend on the outside of each muffle and descend over the arches and between the muffles on its way to the drying floors. This system completely reduces the copper in the ore to the metallic state, which, as it is drawn hot from the furnaces, becomes oxidized to the condition of cuprous and cupric oxides, which are almost completely exhausted by the Hunt and Douglass bath of ferrous chloride, the loss not exceeding one-third of 1 per cent. from the ore averaging about 5 per cent. of copper.

This paper was illustrated by carefully prepared drawings, which are required to render its details intelligible, and these will be reproduced in the transactions of the Institute.

Dr. Sterry Hunt described these great beds, of a greenish earthy material, which are found at the Jones iron mine, in Berks county, Pa., underlying the magnetic deposits so long worked in that region. These strata, apparently modified by decomposition, consist in large part of a hydrous silicate of magnesia, iron, alumina and copper, which is related to chlorite in its character and composition, and, when in a pure state, contains no less than fourteen per cent. of copper. As extracted from the mine, the impure earth contains from four to five per cent. of copper, constituting an ore of this metal, which is now successfully treated by the process of Messrs. Hunt and Douglass, at Phenixville, Pa., by means of the furnace described at this meeting by Prof. Silliman.

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Abstract of a paper read by Prof. T. Egleston. These materials are usually clays, which are silicates of alumina, and a few natural rocks. Rocks can rarely be used, as they are never homogeneous, and are liable to crack; clays cannot be used as they are found, but must be mixed with other substances. They are refractory, in proportion to the alumina they contain, and

less useful, as they are acid; two to three per cent. of iron is sufficient to make a brick fusible at high temperature. Silica alone is exceedingly infusible, but has no binding power. The Dinas brick, which is silica, is formed by one and a half per cent. of lime, and will resist a clear white heat alone, but is worthless if it comes in contact with metallic oxides; two per cent. of oxide of iron would make such a brick useless in a Siemens-Martin furnace. A silica brick expands to such an extent that the rods of a furnace have to be loosened while it is being heated, and tightened when the furnace cools. Alumina is also very infusible, but it contracts at a high heat, and has therefore to be mixed with silica, or burned clay, to prevent this contraction, as any depression or contraction would make eddies in the flame and rapidly destroy the furnace. Bauxite, a hydrated compound of alumina and iron, which sometimes contains a little silica, and sometimes none at all, is also used. Siemens makes brick of this substance which contains three to five per cent. of silica only, which is five times as infusible as the best Stourbridge brick. We have the anomaly of six per cent. of oxide of iron, making one material as fusible as ordinary brick, and another, containing over 20 per cent. of the same material, being infusible. Lime and magnesia are also very refractory; they are both used to make crucibles for the fusion of platinum, but lime can only be had as a carbonate, which, under heat, becomes caustic, and when the heat is allowed to go down, it slacks and falls to powder, so that it can only be used as in Syria, in very small continuous furnaces. As lime is very friable, the campaigns are never long. Magnesia is also a very refractory material, but difficult to get. Beside the effect which the chemical composition has upon the refractoriness of materials, there is an effect due to molecular condition which has been but little studied and is still less understood.

What is demanded to day by our present metallurgical practice is a better material than we now have. Mr. Holley has shown that the cost of refractory materials for a ton of Bessemer ingots is \$1. For the Siemens-Martin process this expense is \$5, while in Wales it is only \$1. This shows the necessity of a careful discussion of the whole subject, which should be made by making mixtures which should theoretically be fusible, and then submitting them to the temperatures they should sustain, and then making a careful chemical analysis and also a mechanical and microscopical examination.

Mr. A. L. Holley, at a subsequent meeting of the Institute, in connection with this subject, presented the drawings of the details of a Patent furnace, where it is necessary to hold up the roof, which is very drooping. This is proposed to be accomplished by the use of a lathing of water pipes, that is, letting the pipes hold up the fire-brick roof, instead of the brick supporting itself. The roof is intended to be monolithic.

Business in Wheeling.

A correspondent sends us the following concerning the iron industries of Wheeling. In the manufacture of iron and nails, here and in this vicinity, a large amount of capital is in constant use, a statement of which might be of interest to many. The amount of this is shown in the following table:

	Fe	Equal to	By Parry's Method.
Riverside Iron Works.....	\$1,000,000		
Benwood	600,000	19-82	20-16
Belmont	500,000	20-45	20-83
Belaire	500,000	23-53	23-75
La Belle	500,000		
Wheeling Iron Nail Works.....	500,000		
Wheeling Hinge Co.....	100,000		
Foundry and machine shop	100,000		
Etna Iron and Nail Co. (Bridgeport).....	350,000		

The large amount of capital thus employed furnishes work for a great number of men. Beside this the mills own and operate their own coal banks, which are all in close proximity to the mills, thereby enabling them to place it on the ground at a small cost, which is a decided advantage over those who have to haul it long distances.

No changes of any consequence occurred in the management of any of our mills here, all the old officers being re-elected, with the single exception of the Wheeling Hinge Co., Mr. Robinson being superseded by Mr. A. W. Campbell. Mr. Campbell is one of the original corporators and one of the proprietors of the *Daily Intelligencer*, of this city, and largely identified with the iron business in Wheeling.

Nail men say that they are having a fair inquiry for nails, but most orders are scanned closely, the matter of credit being made as short as possible.

One or two concerns in this section, without capital or brains, have done much to depress the price of nails. Being compelled to realize on them at any price, or pay their hands in 90 day scrip, it is only a question of time when such concerns will go to the wall—the sooner the better for all honest competitors.

The mills are all running full, with a fair prospect of being able to dispose of their product, if not at a profit at least at a price that will not show much of a loss.

Determination of Manganese in Spiegel-eisen.

The following note, by Mr. Wm. Galbraith, will be read with interest:

As is well known to those who frequently have occasion to determine the amount of manganese in spiegel-eisen, the usual methods are tedious and require great care on the part of the analyst. If sodium acetate is used to separate the iron, the oxide of manganese retains a considerable quantity of soda, which is extremely difficult to get rid of; and, on the other hand, if ammonium acetate is used, the precipitation of the manganese is very slow or it requires a large excess of bromine.

Although the above methods have been in

use for a long time, no attempt seems to have been made to get a more expeditious one, or at all events none have been successful until Mr. Parry showed that a definite oxide of manganese could be got which enabled him to determine the manganese very accurately and expeditiously. His method is simply to dissolve a weighed quantity of the spiegel-eisen in nitric acid (sp. gr. 1-20) in a small pear shaped flask, evaporate to dryness, and heat pretty strongly over a Bunsen burner or spirit lamp for about ten minutes. He then treats the contents of the flask exactly as a manganese ore, heating with sodium oxalate and hydrochloric acid, and measuring the resulting carbonic acid.

The apparatus he uses (which was devised for the purpose), is, he states, a modification of Schiebler's, but as a matter of fact has many advantages over that apparatus, excellent as it is. One very decided advantage is that it admits of heating the solution, and altogether it would be very valuable in a laboratory, where the accurate estimation of carbonates or the measurement of gases are frequently required.

As every one, however, has not got the apparatus, I thought it would be advisable to show some other way.

If it is admitted that Mn₂O₃ can be easily formed, a number of methods immediately suggest themselves as being likely to give the amount of manganese, prominent among which is the well known method of treating with hydrochloric acid, and passing the resulting chlorine through a solution of iodide of potassium, the liberated iodine being titrated with sodium hyposulphite (*Fresenius*, fifth edition, p. 135). Accordingly, I tried that method, but although I took every care, and returned to it again and again, I completely failed to obtain accurate or even constant results. This seems strange (I may say that Mr. Parry had previously tried and failed also), and at first I attributed my failure to the fact that I was not getting Mn₂O₃, but was afterward convinced that it is much easier to get that oxide than at first sight it appears. I can scarcely avoid coming to the conclusion that there is something wrong with this method of determining free chlorine.

The next method I tried proved in every way successful. I proceed exactly as Mr. Parry does (and find no difficulty in getting Mn₂O₃). One gram of the spiegel-eisen is dissolved in nitric acid (sp. gr. 1-20) in a small round bottomed flask, and evaporated to dryness. When dry, the flame, which may be either a spirit lamp or a Bunsen burner, is turned so that the bottom of the flask is cherry red for ten minutes. It is then allowed to cool very gradually.

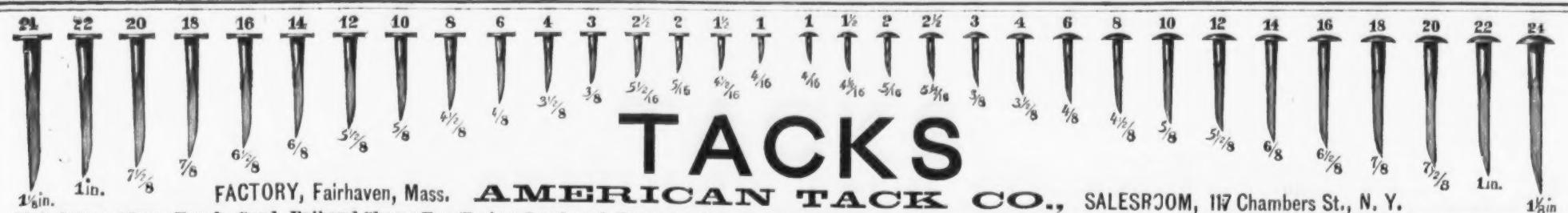
At this point, instead of forming carbonic acid, I simply put into the flask a weighed quantity of ammonio-ferrous sulphate or ferrous sulphate of a known strength, and then heat with rather dilute hydrochloric acid. The contents of the flask very soon dissolve, but it is well to keep shaking the solution while it is being heated, to prevent loss of chlorine. It only remains now to determine the iron left unoxidized, in order to arrive at the quantity of manganese, which can be done, of course, with potassium bichromate solution. If it is feared that the ferrous solution may get oxidized by exposure to air, a small piece of marble put into the flask, which can also be fitted with a cork and tube, will readily prevent that.

In four successive experiments I obtained the following results:

No.	Oxidized.	Manganese p. c.	Method.
1	0-2018	19-82	20-16
2	0-2103	20-45	20-83
3	0-2296	23-53	23-75
4	0-2435	23-88	

No. 2 gave, by the acetate of ammonium method, 20-55 per cent., which was done with great care. No. 4 is a repetition of No. 3.

It is evident, of course, that there is nothing original or new in the above method, but it contrasts very favorably with the usual methods of separating the iron with sodium or ammonium acetate, and precipitating the manganese from the filtrate with bromine. It is not at all troublesome, does not take long, and



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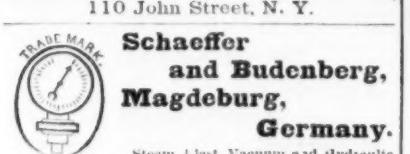
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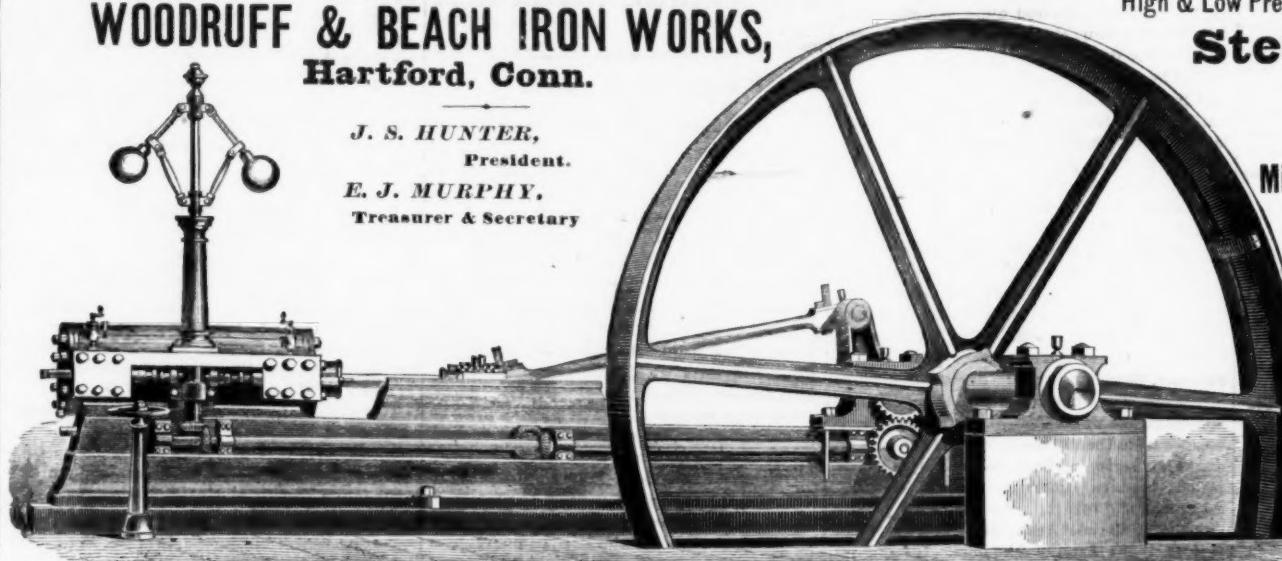
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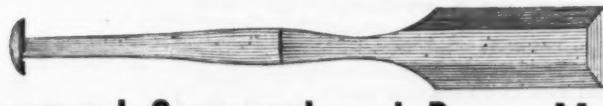
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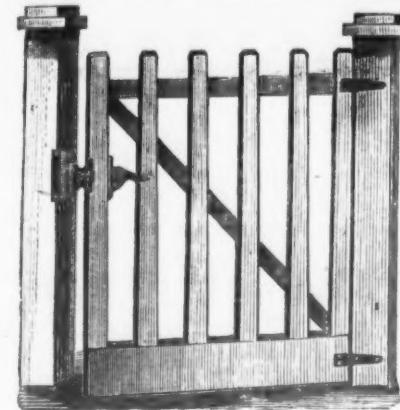
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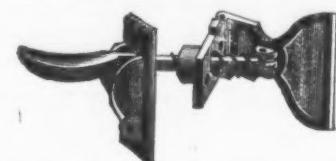
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Railways and the Iron Trade.

The Philadelphia *North American* says: The frequent expressions in England of gloom and despondency over the condition of the British iron trade invariably include some reference to our own country as the leading cause of it, by its vast progress in iron industries, its protective tariff, and the cessation of its railway building movement. But the London *Times* affords us proof that even yet the whole truth is not known in England. For that journal remarks that our producing capacity is nearly up to our requirements, whereas the fact is that our capacity is not only equal to but beyond our requirements. The *Times* seems to include in its measurement of our permanent importation of foreign iron, and it is the continuance of this importation long after the extreme dulness of the market was as well known abroad as here, that has caused heavy losses both in England and America. In the effort to permanently displace our own industries by these continued shipments, the foreign dealers have inflicted enormous injury upon their own.

After the American crash of 1873 the English interests for a time kept up the show of prosperity by investments to an immense extent in railways in Europe, India, Australia, Africa, Canada and America, with the corresponding control of the supplies of railway iron. But in none of these cases have the investments been fortunate or profitable. Disaster has overtaken them all, and it is their accumulation that now stares the English iron interests in the face, while they are seeking to hold us solely responsible for their trouble. Bearing this in mind, the reader will be prepared to appreciate the reference of the *Times* to the reduction of our requirements by our inability to procure capital for any important extension of our railway system. As most of the demand for British railway iron was forced into the countries referred to by English investments of capital in railway securities, and these investments have been no more fortunate anywhere than here, we see already the indications of the return of the tide in the negotiation of several very large railway loans in England.

Whether we have enough or too many railroads does not seem to matter much, since in any event we seem to be fated to have a great many more. The question is whether the benefit shall inure to English or American capitalists, to English or American rolling mills. As our own production is steadily diminishing in the aggregate, while our possible productive capacity increases, it is not difficult to see that our neglect may again give the foreign interest the leading hand in the railway movement. In the two years of stagnation and discredit with which our railway system has been visited the foreign bond holders have secured their own interests by foreclosures and other arrangements, and now stand ready with a vast accumulation of idle capital, awaiting favorable chance to open upon us again.

We cannot resist the conclusion that this opportunity is now close at hand, and that we are about to witness a new activity during the present centennial year. English trade is so dismal in its condition that an effort of some kind will be found necessary; and in no quarter of the world has English capital ever reaped such a rich harvest as in America. Our products have become so vast and valuable, and the average dividends of our railways are so regularly above those of England herself, that no English capitalist who looks at the magnitude of the Republic can be made to believe that we want no more railroads. And indeed it is, after all, a grave question for an American to decide. For though in the west the railways are in excess the results are prodig-

ious, we may say unparalleled. The proof exists that with an adequate supply of railroads America can produce any required amount of whatever may be deficient in Europe.

If all parts of the country are to be as well supplied with railroads as the West, then the amount of work yet to be done far exceeds all that has been done. The railways to India do not pay, and it is doubtful if those in Russia ever will. But America is the paradise of railways, and sooner or later all lines are sure to pay. Here then is what is always before the English iron master, and the American merchant may judge for himself how much chance there is for an English iron dealer to give up such a market while there remains a ray of hope of holding on to it. As for the supply of capital, that is the bait with which the British iron trade fishes. Doubtless we can employ advantageously all the money we can borrow, even if it were ten times as much as our present foreign debt. But in the progress we have thus far made most of the capital has been domestic, and the foreign capital has played the minor part. As our iron trade persists in clinging only to the home market, and makes little if any effort to build up an export trade, it becomes important for those who undertake the management of it to consider whether, besides neglecting the foreign markets, they propose to wait until English capital takes the lead in starting the American railway movement again. We are confident that such will be the case if the present season goes past without some domestic movement. The croaking that has been going on for the past two years about our railway system has been carried to a far greater excess than the railroads ever were, and has been in striking contrast with the actual fact that in the aggregate our railroads have paid better dividends than the aggregate English railways. Indeed, the business has stood the great revolution remarkably well, and justifies all the investment in it, and would justify as much more. If we can take the lead now in the coming railway movement our own capitalists and iron interests will receive the benefit of it, and if we do not the profits will go to the foreigners. We do not stand in any need of foreign capital, but foreign capital stands in very great need of our investments. And the usual result is an increase of foreign debt.

Effect of Magnetism Upon Iron and Steel Structures.

BY CHARLES M. CRESSON, M.D.

Bars and structures of iron and steel, when allowed to remain at rest a considerable time, acquire measurable magnetic polarity. Moderate percussion, alternations of heat and cold, exposure to the rays of the sun, especially with a long axis of figure parallel, or nearly coincident with a magnetic meridian of the earth, have a tendency to develop and strengthen magnetic polarity. Thus, iron bridges, iron vessels upon the stocks in progress of construction, and iron railway tracks are particularly liable to acquire magnetic polarity. It is asserted that the relative position of the long axis of iron ships with reference to the magnetic meridian materially affects their polarity and the facility of the correction of their compasses. If the keels of such vessels be laid on a north and south line, they are supposed to acquire greater polarity, and to retain it more steadily than when laid east and west. The evidence of an iron ship's polarity is exhibited to the greatest degree, by comparison of its effects upon its compasses when the vessel is sailing in an easterly or westerly direction.

A consideration of the following facts seems to favor the conclusion that magnetic bars of iron should be better able to resist tensile strain than those which are not magnetic.

A thoroughly magnetic bar is one of which each end repels a pole of a magnetic needle. The center of such a bar is neutral; that is, attracts either end of a magnetic needle and repels neither. If we break such a bar in half, we are possessed of two magnetic bars; that end of the original bar which attracted the south end of a magnetic needle continues to attract it, that which attracted the north end continues to do so, whilst the two new ends which had formed the neutral center of the original bar, each acquires a polarity opposite to the other, and also opposite to that possessed by the iron opposite end. A continuation of this process, that is, the fracturing of each half until we have obtained such minute fragments of the bar as can be examined only under the microscope, still produces perfectly polarized bars, possessing all of the magnetic characteristics of the original bar, with varying attracting and repelling force, according to some ratio of the relative length and thickness of the fragments.

Arguing upon this we are led to the conclusion that a continuance of this process must produce molecular magnets. If we place magnetic bars in contact with each other, the north and south poles alternating and in contact with each other, we obtain a metallic chain of considerable strength, although its component parts are not mechanically connected together. The closer the contact of the ends of the bars the stronger will be the chain. If with isolated bars we can obtain a connecting force equal to many pounds by close contact, how much stronger must be the connecting force when exerted between molecule and molecule.

Such an argument, undoubtedly, leads to the conclusion that bars saturated with magnetic force should certainly be stronger than those that are not.

Faraday announced that "there existed lines of force within the magnet of the same nature as those without. What is more, they are exactly equal in amount with those without. They have a relation in direction to those without; in fact, are continuations of them, absolutely unchanged in their nature."

To determine the effect of magnetic force upon the tensile strength of iron and steel,* bars of each were selected and cut into suitable lengths for use in the breaking machine and numbered. Nos. 1, 3, 5, &c., were broken in the usual manner. Nos. 2, 4, 6, &c., whilst in the breaking machine were surrounded by a suitable coil of copper wire, through which a current of galvanic electricity was passed during the operation of breaking.

The results obtained from the magnetic steel bars were about 1 per cent. less than those obtained from the non-magnetic, and from the magnetic soft iron bars about 3 per cent. less than from the non-magnetic. Both the steel and iron bars became heated whilst within the influence of the current of electricity, the soft iron more so than the steel. It occurred to me that the depreciation of strength might have been caused by the rise of temperature in the bars, and I accordingly prepared permanent magnets from alternate sections of a steel bar and repeated the experiments, comparing the cold magnets with the unmagnetized sections of the same bar. The results showed no appreciable difference in strength between the magnetic and non-magnetic sections.

To test the matter still further, bars of steel were so magnetized as to present a pole at one end, the other in the middle of the bar, with one end neutral—that is, one end of the bar attracted the north or south pole by a magnetic needle and repelled the south or north, and the other end of the bar attracted either pole of a magnetic needle. Under these conditions, if there was any effect to be had from the influence of the magnetic force, the bar should incline to break, either at the central pole or at the neutral point between the poles.

The results of the experiments showed that there was no inclination to a choice of either location as the place of fracture. The conclusion arrived at is that the condition of magnetic polarity does not in any way influence the strength of steel bars. With reference to the soft iron bars the comparison was not made, for the reason that they would not remain magnetic unless surrounded by the galvanic coil, in which case they became heated by the action of the current.

How far a change from fibrous to crystalline structure is affected by the influence of magnetism has not been ascertained, or whether there is any deterioration of the strength of iron or steel on such account.

Iron telegraph wires in the course of time become brittle, and to such an extent that if the usual method of uniting them by winding each upon the other is attempted they are frequently broken in the process. From this it would appear that a passage of a strong galvanic current produces some molecular change affecting the strength of iron. Such conducting wires, however, are not necessarily, or even usually, magnetic. There can be no doubt, however, as to the deteriorating effect of galvanic force as an acceleration of oxidation or the solution of a metal.

Observations upon iron bridges and structures subjected to atmospheric influences, and upon boilers exposed to the action of heat and the chemical agents contained in ordinary waters, lead to the conclusion that galvanic force is usually as great, and frequently a far greater, cause of deterioration than mechanical wear. Indeed, all of the operations of nature, organic and inorganic, both constructive and disjunctive, involve the production of more or less galvanic force or are the results of its action.

Motion, unaccompanied by any other apparent change than that of place, is a disturber of electric or galvanic equilibrium, and the converse is equally true. If it were possible to produce perfectly pure and homogeneous iron, then the generation of destructive galvanic currents by the contact of sheets or bars would not take place.

By exercising care in the selection of iron, especially that used for steam boilers, the deterioration from galvanic action can be reduced to a minimum. Many steam boilers have come under my observation in which the corrosion was but slight, and affected all parts equally; others, in which the metal of a single sheet only was attacked, the corrosion of which sheet protected the remainder of the boiler almost as efficiently as if the sheet had been replaced by one of the metal zinc.

The most striking instance of the effect of introducing a sheet of metal of greatly differing electro-condition, that occurs to me, is that of a boiler which had been in use for a considerable length of time without showing any unusual tendency to corrosion, when from some cause it became necessary to replace a sheet by a new one. The result of the introduction of a new sheet was to set up at once a strong galvanic action, by which every sheet in the boiler was corroded except the new one. Samples of iron cut from the edges of the old and from the new sheets were placed in bath to which a few drops of dilute acid were added, and a connection made with a galvanometer, resulting in the production of a new current; the purer iron corroding, and protecting that which contained the greatest amount of carbon. The exciting cause of the galvanic action was therefore judged to be the introduction of a sheet of iron electro-negative to those already in the boiler, its position in the electro-chemical scale depending upon the amount of carbon it contained.

The injurious effect consequent upon the junction of masses of wrought iron of varying

* The steel employed in the experiment was "Jenop's Round Machinery," one-half inch rod, about 12 lbs. at maximum, 17,934 lbs.; minimum, 18,694 lbs. per square inch of section. The iron broke at maximum, 59,948 lbs.; minimum, 58,887 lbs. per square inch of section.

† For effects of temperature upon the strength of iron, see Report of the Committee of the Franklin Institute, of Pennsylvania, "Upon the strength of materials employed in the construction of steam boilers." Experiments made at the request of the Treasury Department of the United States (Jan. 4th, 1881; Jan. 5th, 1887).

electro-chemical property is, therefore, increased when steel is joined to wrought iron, as is frequently the case in locomotive boilers in the tubes and tube sheets. Again, by the junction of cast iron to steel or to wrought iron the destructive effect is greatly intensified, and at times becomes quite as violent as when copper is made an element in the galvanic circuit in connection with wrought iron.

The necessity for the selection of iron with reference to its electric condition, applies equally to the material employed for bridges, or vessels or boilers, or any structure which is to be built up from separate sheets and bars of iron. It is, or ought to be, the habit of careful constructors to cut sample pieces from every sheet of bar or metal worked, and to make a trial of their quality by bending hot and cold, and to make frequent tests of tensile strength. Examinations as to electro-chemical condition can be made with equal facility. Determinations of the composition of the metal or of the percentage of carbon in it by chemical analysis are unnecessary; an ordinary workman, furnished with a coarse galvanometer and a weak acid bath, can ascertain the exact electro-chemical condition of each sheet or bar more rapidly than he can examine the quality by the ordinary tests of bending on an anvil, hot and cold. With the metal of bridges, vessels, and especially steam boilers, the deterioration by corrosion is more to be feared than is mechanical wear.

Galvanic corrosion acts with greater vigor in locations that are usually inaccessible, such as the interior of joints or defective sheets or parts that are closely approximated, and the mischief is only suspected when it has progressed to such a degree as to become evidently dangerous, and the parts are in condition to require immediate attention and repair.

Attention to the precautions enumerated for securing mechanical and chemical fitness of the metal to be used for structures of iron, will undoubtedly promote economy and safety.

On the foregoing paper, Mr. Robert Briggs, editor of the *Journal of the Franklin Institute*, has made the following remarks: The first portion of the foregoing paper carries with it, in negative results, an antidote to the evil of promulgating an occult reason for strength or weakness of iron. Some of its statements are a little questionable; for instance, it may be doubted if a bar or structure of iron, pure and simple, acquires magnetic polarity, or rather, retains it under any circumstances. It is generally known that all the iron of commerce, or in use for structural purposes, is steely to some degree, and the extent of the nature of steel in the material is in some ratio a limit to its capability to assume permanent magnetism.

The effect of the position of a vessel with regard to the points of the compass, when in construction, has been thoroughly investigated and determined; the value of that effect, however, is not influenced by the dissimilarity of the plates or bars in proportions of carbon, and by differences in the application of force upon them, by hammering or in other ways, as to be very indefinite.

The reasoning that a magnetic bar should be stronger than one not magnetized, on a theory of internal subdivision, is somewhat wanting in logical force. It is difficult to comprehend how the attraction should multiply, except on the argument that two halves of a string are stronger than a whole one. If the law were good, the subdivision need go no farther than Joule's celebrated magnets, where a fragment of iron of one-half grain weight supported by attraction a quarter of a pound (or 3500 times its own weight). This proportion would add nearly 56 lbs. for each sixteenth of an inch in width of bar of one square inch section—11,000 lbs. per foot of length.

It is very certain that telegraph wires are not impaired in the least by the electric currents of service. Telegraph wire is hard drawn or rolled, and galvanized by a coating of zinc, and when laid at rest, without excessive tension, will last some unknown length of time. When strained from poles placed at great distances apart, contracted by the winter cold to the tension of a harp string, when the gentle zephyrs from the northwest have played on them for many months, when occasional loads of ice of eight or ten times their own weight have tested them—the wire may be found to have become so brittle that it cannot be wound around its own diameter of 5-16 of an inch, with impunity.

But this part of the paper terminates very satisfactorily. Magnetism did not strengthen iron. It is the second portion, not so conclusively disposed of, that leaves behind a possible assumption of dangerous character. It is a serious mistake to admit as a popular utterance, that we must look to "galvanic (voltal?) force" as the cause of deterioration of boilers, or of iron structures of any kind. It is very certain, that an electric current produced by a voltaic battery will decompose a solution of a salt, and cause a crystal to be formed at one pole, and a gas to be eliminated at the other. It is also certain, that two dissimilar metals, in a bath of acid, which from chemical affinity will attack either, will act by the destruction of the one for which the acid has the greatest affinity and a voltaic battery will be formed from which electrical currents can be taken. It may be admitted, that no deposition in crystalline form occurs without the agency or accompaniment of a current of electricity, and that no decomposition of metals by rusting is unattended by the development of a current. But the acid that destroys, and the salt that deposits, are precedent to, or coincident with the voltaic currents.

It is questionable, if at any temperature be low the highest used in steam boilers, either iron or steel (iron with a small quantity of carbon in intimate but not chemical combination) will rust in pure water divested from oxygen. The acids requisite for the slow destruction of the boilers are supplied by the presence of oxygen. The presence of oxygen by absorption in all water, and its evolution by heating of the water, beside the vegetable acids generally to be found in small quantities, the decomposition of chloride of sodium, to some degree, when salt water is used; and the fat acids derived from tallow and oil, when condensed water from the exhaust of an engine is pumped back; all these supply acid requisite for the slow destruction of a boiler. The carbonate and sulphate of lime, which form the bases of incrustations are to be found in most waters, and in great abundance in some.

A perfectly homogeneous condition in the electro-chemical state of all the material of the boiler might be a protection from rusting of any part, and prevent the establishment of electric currents and preclude incrustation, but the equilibrium would be excessively unstable; the difference of temperature would obviously disturb it, and the superposition, with our knowledge of the constituents of iron, either in the crude product or the finished material, is simply impossible. The effect of differences of heat on the electro-chemical condition of a piece of iron is quite equal to that proceeding from the presence or absence of small quantities of carbon. While the balance of evidence is that without free (possibly ozonized) oxygen in water, iron of any grade (not spongy) will not decompose it at ordinary temperature; yet pure iron is acted upon with the greatest facility.

Pure iron, also, is nearly incapable of being worked in the furnace without burning up—as iron approaches purity it becomes workable without excessive waste only in Siemens furnaces, where the gases of combustion are free from oxygen—and pure iron has very little comparative tenacity and great ductility. Iron, on the other hand, with an almost imperceptible proportion of carbon (and possibly some other substances as substitutes), is tenacious, unyielding to near the point of rupture and suitable for boiler plates. With another small addition to the carbon, the iron becomes low steel, or so-called homogeneous iron, of yet greater strength and suitability. With other ratios of carbon there is found steel not suited for boiler work by hardness, although the strength may be further increased. Imagine it to be feasible "for an ordinary workman with a coarse galvanometer and a weak acid bath," to select these qualities, the operation would be highly satisfactory if iron boiler plates were found in these four conditions solely. But there are other kinds of plates.

The exact place of the plates in their electro-chemical state does not detect the small increment of phosphorus or sulphur, and the iron may still be worthless. The remedy is simple: "Cut sample pieces for every sheet, bend them hot and cold," and make frequent tests of the tensile strength." Follow all these precautions and we shall have a great many professors and very few workmen, and our mechanics will go to less critical countries.

We shall, without doubt, have acquired a degree of excellence not yet attained, and until other precautions are suggested, such as the use of piled plates, because some have blisters, the use of drilled holes, because some punchings are imperfectly done and strain the sheet, &c., boiler making will have taken a step toward perfection.

In short, the improvement of boiler practice must move in the track already laid. Responsibility must urge upon the user of a boiler the necessity of excellence, and emulation must do the rest. The iron manufacturer will emulate to supply iron better suited, the workmen boilers better made, and the engineer boilers better planned. The scientific man can help them all, but he cannot make philosophers of them.

The question now really open to consideration is either how to obtain water free from injurious substances, or else to allow such substances to act upon some material, zinc for instance, for the protection of the iron. When this is settled, the destructive "galvanic (voltal?) force" will be found to have disappeared.

The Apotheosis of the Locomotive.

The following is the latest contribution of Walt Whitman to English literature. Those who see in his writings the scintillations of Homeric genius will find much to please them in these lines "to a locomotive in winter:"

Thee in the driving storm, even as now—the snow—the winter day declining;
Thee in thy panoply, thy measured dual throbbing,
And thy beat convulsive;
Thy black cylindric body, golden brass and silvery
steel;
Thy ponderous side bars, parallel and connecting
rods, gyrating, shuttling at thy sides;
Thy metrical, now swelling pant and roar—now ta-
pering in the distance;
Thy great protruding head-light, fix'd in front;
Thy long pale, floating vapor pennants, tinged with
delicate purple;
Thy dense and murky clouds out-bellching from thy
smoke stack;
Thy knitted frame—the springs and valves—the
tremulous twinkle of thy wheels;
Thy train of cars behind, obedient, merrily follow-
ing;
Through gale or calm, now swift, now slack, yet
steadily careering;
Type of the modern! emblem of motion and power!
pulse of the continent!

For once, come, serve the Muse, and merge in verse,
even as here I see thee,
With storm and buffeting gusts of wind and falling
snow;
By day, thy warning, ringing bell to sound its
notes,
By night, thy silent signal lamps to swing.
Pierce throated beauty!
Roll through by chant, with all thy lawless music!
thy swinging lamps at night!
Thy piercing, madly whistled laughter! thy echoes,
rousing all!
Law of thyself complete, thine own track firmly
holding;
(No sweetness debonaire of tearful harp or glib
piano tinge).
Thy trills of shrieks by rocks and hills return'd,
Launched o'er the prairies wide—across the lakes,
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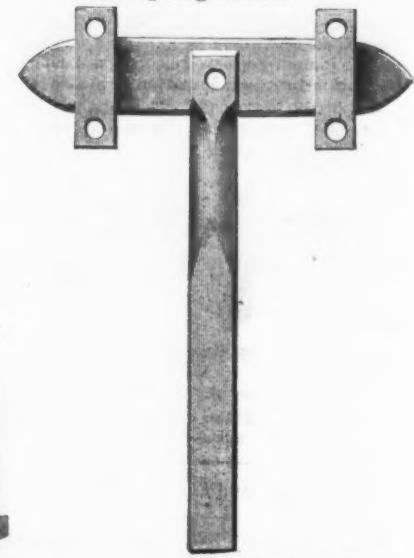
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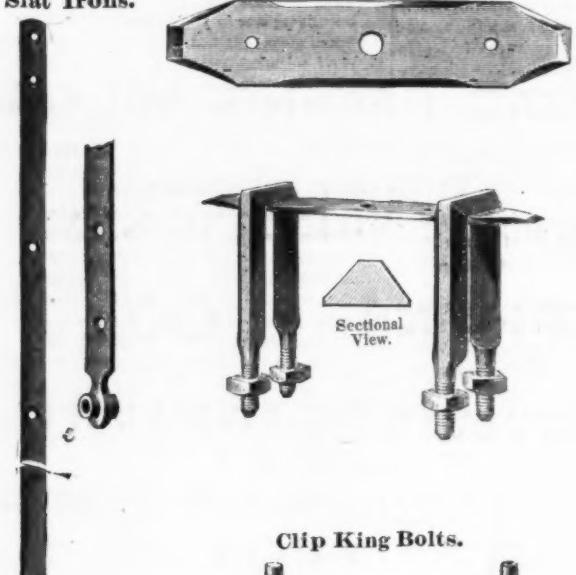
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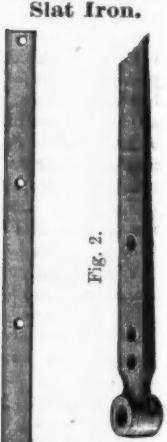
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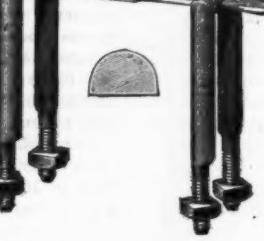
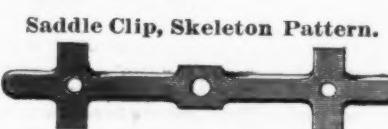
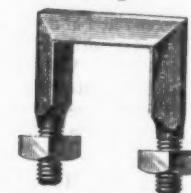
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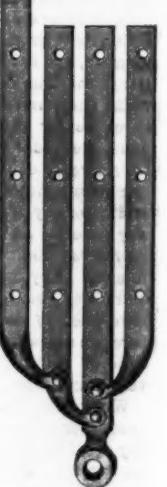
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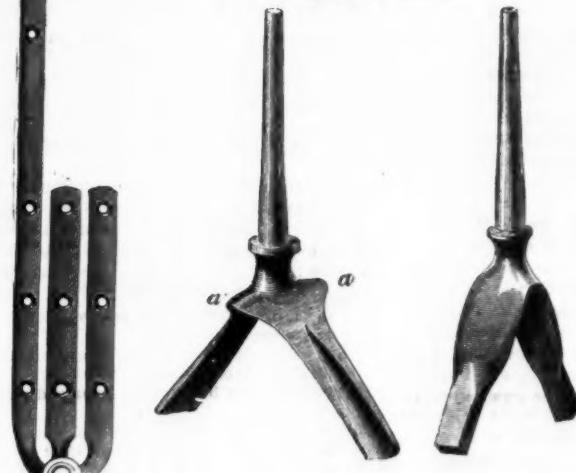
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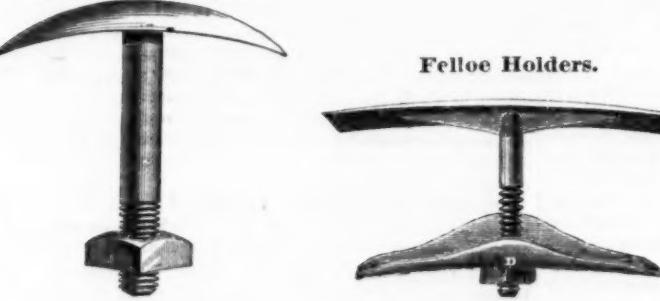
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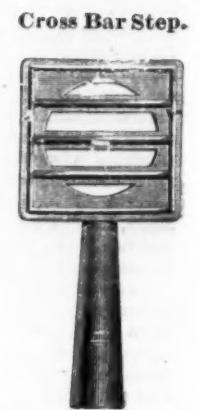
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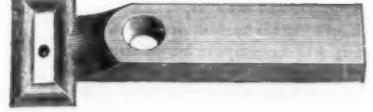
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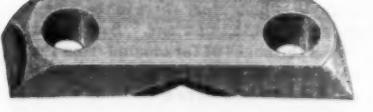
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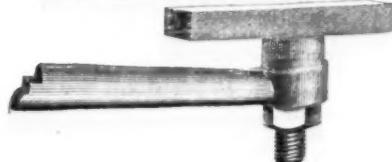
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BUSINESS ITEMS.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The New England Mining Co., at Lisbon, has completed a mill for reducing gold from sulphur ores, and has begun work.

MASSACHUSETTS.

J. T. Croft, iron works, Boston, is reported to have failed.

F. A. & A. M. Small, machinery, Boston, are reported to have failed.

The liabilities of J. H. Roberts, machinery, Boston, are \$48,000. An offer of 23 cents on the dollar is made.

The Florence Sewing Machine Co. made 5500 sewing machines and 40,000 pairs of skates in 1875.

The Sheffield foundries, at Florence, which have been closed for some time, will probably soon be started again, as outside parties are expected to take the matter in hand.

The Parker's Mills Nail Co.'s Works, at Wareham, which have been doing a large business, have shut down. They have 75 nail machines.

The American Watch Co., Waltham, have reduced wages 10 per cent.

The scythe works and farm of Henry S. Mansfield, Millville, have been sold at auction. Both were purchased by Augustus F. Lamb, of Providence. The scythe works were sold subject to a mortgage of \$17,900, and were bid off at \$11,500, or \$6400 less than the mortgage. The farm sold for \$6548, or \$1000 above a mortgage on it.

The wire works of J. R. & J. E. Prouty, two miles north of Spencer village, have been sold to the Washburn & Moen Manufacturing Company, of Worcester, possession to be given April 1. It is understood that the business will be carried on by a joint stock company, of which Richard Sugden will own a controlling interest.

CONNECTICUT.

The Hartford Nickel Refining Company have commenced operations in that city. The company are the proprietors of an improved process of extracting nickel from the ore and refining it, producing a superior article of plates for nickel platers' use, as well as the grain nickel used for German silver and other alloys.

NEW YORK.

The puddle mill at Rome has shut down for a short time for repairs.

At Buffalo all the mills are at work; 8 inch and 10 inch and universal mill, nail, plate, and bar mill, and both nail factories. The horse nail factory is stopped. The malleable iron works is running all the time.

Morrison, Colwell & Page mill, at Cohoes, started up last week.

NEW JERSEY.

There is dug annually in Middlesex county clay to the value of \$1,000,000, which is used for fire brick, pottery, etc.

Prof. J. C. Snock has been steadily at work since last July in making the collection of minerals for the Centennial. Specimens have been collected from nearly 400 localities, over 100 of which are iron mines.

PENNSYLVANIA.

They have been swearing to the value of furnace property in Lancaster county. The St. Charles was valued at \$50,000. Eight acres of land and the Donegal Furnace at \$40,000 by one and \$50,000 by another. The furnace property in 3d Ward, Columbia, belonging to the Chestnut Hill Iron Co., at \$120,000.

Maxwell, Bradley & Co.'s Fire Brick Works, at Layton, have again resumed work, averaging 3000 bricks per day, most of which are shipped to Pittsburgh.

During week ending February 26th there were 386 cars of coke transferred at Everson's, from Mt. Pleasant Branch B. & O. R. R. to S. W. Penn R. R.

Eight furnaces in the Allentown Rolling Mill went into full operation last week. About 125 men will be employed, but how long work will be continued is not known.

The Greenville Iron Co. are running on barrel hoops for the Standard Oil Co., Cleveland.

The Lebanon R. I. M. Co.'s at present engaged in the manufacture of pipe and other iron, turning out about 70 tons per week.

A knife is being made at the Beaver Falls Cutlery Co. for the Centennial. It will be 9 feet long, and upon it will be pictures of William Penn and Governor Hartranft.

The new mill of the Glasgow Iron Company is fast approaching completion, and will be ready to go into operation in about two weeks. The machinery for this mill was made at the Scott Foundry, in this city, and is said to be finely finished.—*Reading (Pa.) Times*.

At the Westerman Iron Works, Sharon, the sheet mill has started on double turn. The iron made by the two furnaces is all used at the Westerman mills.

Hughes & Patterson, Philadelphia, are reported running double; Rowland, single; Gaulbert, Morgan & Caskey, single; Peacock, double.

PITTSBURGH AND VICINITY.

Fire was put in the Lucy Furnace on Wednesday last, and the blast applied Thursday at 10 p.m., getting the first cast Friday. The delay in putting on the blast was occasioned by low gas explosions, which blew out the heads of the gas pipe. The furnace was out of blast about six weeks.

Anderson, Maxwell & Porter have received the contract for the iron work of the new building for the First National Bank building, of Allegheny.

Pittsburgh is afflicted with an elephant in the shape of a half constructed water works, the engines of which are known as the Lowry, an untried experiment on so large a scale. Messrs. Mackintosh, Hemphill & Co. have put in a bid to entirely modify the plan, put in two double condensing beam engines with a duty of 24,000,000 gallons each, and put the works in running order for \$750,000, and take the old machinery at \$150,000.

The Keystone Bridge Co. have received the contract for the Greenfield, Mass., Green River, Railroad Bridge at \$46,850. The company have received orders to proceed at once with work on the 150 and 300 foot spans of the new bridge for the Cincinnati Southern Railroad across the Ohio at Cincinnati.

The links for the cable of the new bridge at the Point, which is a suspension with link instead of iron cables, are to be made at the Pittsburgh Locomotive Works. Work was begun on them last week.

Isabella Furnace No. 1, 75x18, now in the fifth week of its present blast, is making 600 tons per week. During this blast not a single cast of hard iron has been made, nor a flush of black cinder. The furnace has seven 7 inch tuyeres, which have become too much for the work the owners desire the furnace to do, and they are blowing with five.

The Butler Citizen says: Messrs. Kirk & Dilworth have sold the greater part of their interest in the big gas wells, the Burns and Delmar, in this country, to prominent Pittsburgh manufacturers, who will commence digging trenches and laying pipes from the wells to the city as soon as the weather permits. The line will be over 30 miles long, and will consist of pipes six, eight and ten inches in diameter; the one-third of the line consisting of six inch pipe, being nearest the well, and the ten inch next to the city, which arrangement, it is said, will reduce the friction. The estimated cost of the new line is \$500,000.

The trouble with the rollers at Jones & Laughlin has been settled.

D. R. Porter, who has been in the pig metal business with his brother, J. W. Porter, has opened out for himself at No. 27 Wood street.

The Pennsylvania White Lead Works, formerly B. A. Farnestock & Co., have sold the white lead branch of their business to C. F. Wells & Co., and will attend only to smelting lead ore.

Messrs. Harbison & Walker are making tuyeres for Bessemer converters 24½ inches long, the largest ever made in this country.

During the past week 103 barges with 1,229,000 bushels of coal have left Pittsburgh for Cincinnati, and 58 barges with 571,000 bushels for Louisville. A bushel is 76 lbs.

The Charlotte Furnace, at Scottdale, Pa., Messrs. Eversen, Knap & Co., is making 40 tons per day of strictly neutral iron from Lake Superior and ¾ native ore, using their own coke made from the run of the mine.

The irons of this section are in good demand for mixture in making fine irons, such as hoops and sheets, and are taking the place of charcoal irons. They give these products a beautiful smooth finish.

Messrs. Ripley & Co.'s Glass Works resumed operations Monday. Messrs. Doyle & Co. have just started fires in their furnace, but it will require two weeks to get warmed up. Atterbury & Co. and Duncan & Co. are also running. Messrs. Adams Sons & Co. are running, using coal gas. The gas is made from slack costing two cents per bushel, and 180 bushels a day will run the works, two men only being required to act as "teasers." Using nut coal, the factories consume 250 bushels daily, and pay four cents per bushel for it, and it makes the work of the "teasers" trifling compared with the labor they now perform. The cost of construction is pretty heavy, but the firm is pleased with the success of the experiment, and will shortly have both furnaces running with gas fuel.

MARYLAND.

The rail mill of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, at Cumberland, is about to resume operations, a portion being already running.

The Abbott Iron Company, Baltimore, have started their rail mill on orders for new rails.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The muck rollers at the Top Mill, Wheeling, struck last week against a reduction of 10 cents per ton. They were receiving 70 cents. After an idleness of a day or two they went in at the reduction.

The Crescent Mill, Wheeling, is at work on sheet iron.

OHIO.

Lawrence Furnace, Ironton, blew out on the 1st, in consequence of the hearth giving out.

The Alice Furnace, Etta Iron Co., Ironton, has been out of blast a few days for want of coke. This seems to indicate that the Ferri system is not working satisfactorily.

Hamden Furnace is the only one in blast in Vinton county; Cincinnati, Eagle, Hope and Richland charcoal furnaces are the others. Vinton, stone coal, is also out.

Howard Furnace, Ironton, is in blast on stone coal.

There is prospect of a glass works being erected at Wellsville at an early day.

Center Furnace, Ironton, blew out on the 27th of February, and will not make another blast this year.

The chimney workers at the National Glass Works, Bellaire, struck on Wednesday last. The managers had notified the employees that, although the wages would remain the same as heretofore for a "move," the "move" would be increased from 300 to 330. To this the blowers objected, and the parties failing to come to an understanding, the bars were pulled.

The Hubbard *Vindicator* says: Andrews & Hitchcock have disposed of all the iron on hand at their furnaces, and have orders sufficient to keep their works running full blast for some time to come. The same paper says there is also a certainty of the rolling mill starting up on or before the 1st of April.

Both the old and new mills at the Enterprise Iron Works, Youngstown, started up double turn last week. The works have run only single turn since Christmas. Prospects for spring trade good.

It is asserted that there is but little ore on

hand at Cleveland unsold, one statement placing it as low as 6000 to 8000 tons.

Both mills of the Union Iron Company, Cleveland, are running steadily, at an average rate of production.

The Lake Shore Mill, of the Cleveland Rolling Mill Company, has shut down for general repairs to the rail mills.

The Standard Iron Company, Cleveland, hope to start up early in March, although there is no certainty as yet as to their doing so.

The blooming mill and rod mill No. 3, of the Cleveland Rolling Mill Company, started up on last Wednesday. The puddling will be resumed on Thursday night.

The King Iron Bridge Company, Cleveland, are building a bridge 126 feet long at Santa Rosa, Cal. With the completion of this order they will have built a bridge in every state in the Union.

The Girard Furnace is in blast making over 400 tons per week.

The following is the industrial condition at Canton: Bolton, Meyers & Co.'s large steel works continue to run day and night, and yet fail to fill orders as promptly as they would like to. The Wrought Iron Bridge Company's works are running fourteen hours per day and will continue on that schedule. C. Aultman & Co., and Russell & Co. expect to turn out a larger number of agricultural machines than usual this summer. All other shops are running prosperously, except the Aldine Press Works, B. F. Renick & Co., who have gone into bankruptcy.

Ballard, Fast & Co., Canton, manufacturers of reaper and mower knives, saws, springs, etc., recently erected an addition to their works, 240 by 100 feet, containing fifteen shaping and heating furnaces and other apparatus, and machinery for the manufacture of carriage and wagon springs exclusively. This new addition gives employment to sixty men now, and the number will be soon increased to one hundred, as it is with difficulty they can keep up with their orders.

Two of the four Bessemer converters in the Cleveland Rolling Mill Company's Works have been replaced by Siemens' furnaces.

The Columbus State Journal says that there is a proposition on foot to consolidate the two blast furnaces and rolling mill in that city, and turn the attention of the new enterprise to the manufacture of steel. The two blast furnaces of that city have been idle for some time and are likely to be idle for some time longer.

ILLINOIS.

Rockford has one of the three tack factories in the West. The others are Chess, Smythe & Co., Pittsburgh, and the Norway Tack Co., Wheeling. They have 50, 55 and 20 machines respectively.

It is stated that the Joseph H. Brown Iron and Steel Co., of South Chicago, whose works are in process of construction, have decided to add blast furnaces, a rail mill and a nail mill to their plant.

A new nail factory is about to be started at Dunleith. The Pittsburgh Manufacturing Co. are making the machines.

KENTUCKY.

The Charlotte Furnace, Carter county, formerly the Iron Hills Furnace, is making from 17 to 18 tons of excellent warm blast foundry charcoal iron, running on the Lambert ore vein (from the Lambert and Wilson banks) exclusively, using 70 charges of from 1400 to 1500 pounds ore per 24 hours.

The Hunnewell Furnace is receiving 18 car loads of charcoal per day, from the forests near Hopewell Station on the Eastern Kentucky Railroad.

MISSOURI.

Out of ten steam coal furnaces in and around St. Louis, but two are in blast, and it is reported that both of these are to blow out soon.

Both bar mills at St. Louis are in operation, as well as the Bolt and Iron Co. and the Rail Fastening Co.

The Vulcan Iron Co.'s mill has been stopped for a couple of weeks for repairs, not having stopped Jan. 1st.

Of ten charcoal furnaces in Missouri but one is in blast.

The new Bessemer works of the Vulcan Iron Co. are rapidly approaching completion, and will be ready to start about April 15.

MICHIGAN.

The dam in the Sault Canal has burst, and communication between Lakes Michigan and Superior, by this route, will be obstructed until the middle of June.

TENNESSEE.

Five tons of red hematite iron ore, from the new "Brown" bank, near White's Creek, came in on the steamer Wilder night before last, for trial by the Chattanooga Iron Company. This ore appears very rich, and the thickness of the vein makes it valuable and easily handled for shipment, the mouth of the bank being within ten rods of the bank of the Tennessee River, and elevated enough to shoot the ore directly into barges.—*Commercial*.

The Springfield (Mass.) Water Commissioners have a machine that looks like a half-grown fire engine, which is intended to thaw out hydrants, water pipes, sewer drains and whatever else is liable to freeze, and which consists simply of a boiler with a fire-box for generating steam, with connections for small hose, the whole on a light running gear. It is found possible with this machine to work through 5 or 6 feet of frozen ground in an incredibly short space of time. The water board paid the fire department over \$500 last winter for thawing out the hydrants.

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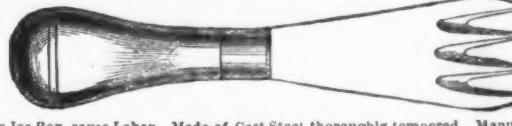
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Up to a very recent date, say within the last six years, a great change has been made in the construction of portable forges. Previously the bellows had been considered essential, and, although rotary blowers had been used, yet the forges produced were expensive, so that their introduction was limited to the few. The blowers were generally run with a belt, and the power applied with a crank, which was by



Fig. 1.

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Fig. 2.

company make a great variety of these forges to suit all kinds of work. There are at present on their list some 28 different varieties.

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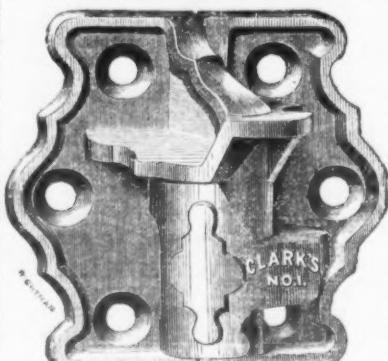


Fig. 3.

This has wrought iron legs, and is especially adapted to the use of miners, quarrymen and similar work. This machine is shown in Fig. 2. As these forges are constructed entirely of metal, they stand exposure to the weather without injury, lasting well whether out doors or inside. The No. 11 forge, shown in Fig. 3, is considered by the manufacturers as being a little ahead of anything in this line. This has a hood with doors for shop use. A pipe is attached on, and this forge can be used with as great safety from fire as a common stove. A large number of these are used in mills and machine shops. This size is shown driven by friction gearing instead of toothed wheels. This style can be arranged to run by power, but they can, at the same time, be instantaneously disconnected and run by hand. This pattern is in use in a great many of the U. S. Navy Yards.

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Patented Nov. 24, 1865.
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Trade Mark "Clark's Locking Blind Hinge," reg'd Aug. 31, 1875.
Design patented Jan. 11th, 1876.

prevents the hinge from coming apart. When dropped into place, the shape of the pintle is such that it cannot turn. These points can readily be seen upon an inspection of the hinge, but are not easily described. Clark's blind hinge is manufactured only by Clark & Co., of Buffalo, New York.

The Loyalty of Labor.

We mention, in another place, the suspension of Messrs. Zug & Co., of Pittsburgh, and only refer to it again for the purpose of commanding the action of their workmen, which is one of those spontaneous outbursts that show that there is still an under stratum of good feeling and kindly regard between labor and capital under all the passion of conflict and strife.

Last Saturday was the regular semi-monthly pay day at Messrs. Zug & Co's mill, and when the three hundred employees quit work they were informed by the proprietors that they were unable to pay them the two weeks wages due them. The men, who understood the situation, organized a meeting and appointed committee from the different classes employed at the mill to wait on the proprietors and ascertain the prospects of the firm for resumption.

Mr. Zug stated the case, ascribing the immediate cause of his suspension to endorsing for his son-in-law. He did not know how affairs would turn out, but he hoped to be able to secure an extension, in which case he believed they would weather the storm.

The committee then returned to the meeting of the employees, and, upon making their report, the following was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The firm of Zug & Co. have been compelled to suspend owing to financial difficulties, brought about by the present unfortunate condition of trade. Therefore be it Resolved, That we extend to Messrs. C. and C. H. Zug, comprising said firm, our heartfelt sympathies in this the hour of their misfortune. That appreciating their past kindness, we feel it incumbent on us to offer the labor of our hands at one-half the usual compensation for the period of three months or longer, if such action on our part will assist them, and trust that those having it in their power will extend to them that assistance which they merit as men of honesty and integrity.

On Saturday last the Woodward Steam Pump Manufacturing Company, of No. 81 Centre street, N. Y., made an assignment to William T. Francis. This company received an extension of one and two years from its creditors last March, and now, finding itself unable to meet its engagements, has considered it the better course to pursue to make an assignment. The officers of the company, who are now engaged in the work of making up a statement of their affairs, hope to make such arrangements as will permit them to continue.

Special Notices.

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some manufacturer to buy the patent of the IMPROVED SMOOTHING IRON

described on page 5, issue January 20, 1876, No. 3, Vol. XVI. of *The Iron Age*, or to make the same on royalty. Address

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Trade Report.

OFFICE OF THE IRON AGE.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, March 8, 1876.

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The bank statement showed a decrease in surplus reserve of \$594,750, it now amounting to \$13,040,200. There was a gain of \$1,995,400 specie, which can be explained by the heavy coin disbursement of the Treasury for called 5-20 bonds, and, since the 1st instant, for interest on the public debt. There was a decrease of \$2,067,900 in legal tender notes which was not clearly explainable. The present method of making up the bank statements on averages for the week does not give a clear idea of the actual condition at the end of the week; and, as we have often urged, should be supplemented with a statement showing the actual amount of loans, specie, legal tenders, deposits, circulation and even national bank notes, at the beginning of business Saturday morning, the end of the bank week being the close of business Friday. The following is a comparison of the bank averages for the past two weeks:

Feb. 26. March 4. Differences.
Loans.....\$8,480,000 \$270,162,800 Inc. \$1,982,800
Legal tend's. 49,013,100 46,945,300 Dec. 2,067,900
Deposits... 231,351,400 226,525,400 Inc. 5,826,000
Circulation... 17,023,000 16,832,300 Dec. 189,500

The following table shows the foreign trade movements for the week:

IMPORTS.

For the week ended March 4:		
1874.	1875.	1876.
Total for week. \$8,643,543 \$10,819,858 \$6,630,654		
Prev. reported. 62,042,909 56,000,003 53,764,884		

Since Jan. 1... \$70,686,452 \$66,819,911 \$50,401,537

Among the imports of general merchandise were articles valued as follows:

Quant.	Value.
Anvils.....66	\$81
Bangs.....47	5,696
Bleuthum.....4	1,551
Bronzes.....7	2,679
Chains and anchors.....110	5,448
Copper.....19	29,948
Gums.....15	5,547
Hardware.....12	1,249
Iron, pig, tons.....310	5,509
Iron, sheet, tons.....6	656
Iron, other, tons.....369	20,915
Lead, pigs.....1,000	6,000
Metal goods.....113	17,268
Nails.....7	1,033
Pipes.....23	6,143
Old metal.....5	5,640
Per. caps.....8	1,003
Saddlery.....22	725
Steel.....697	10,030
Tin, boxes.....14,231	83,238
Tin, 50-lb slabs.....508,611	91,175
Wire.....1,008	10,591

EXPORTS, EXCLUSIVE OF SPECIE.

For the week ended March 7:		
1874.	1875.	1876.
Total for week. \$5,398,161 \$5,242,000 \$1,926,840		
Prev. reported. 47,412,349 39,361,336 42,148,919		

Since Jan. 1.... \$52,750,510 \$44,603,336 \$47,375,759

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For the week ended March 1:

Total for week. \$11,432

Previously reported. 571,458

Total since Jan. 1.... \$58,880

Same time in 1875.... 2,421,692

Same time in 1874.... 1,091,677

Same time in 1873.... 219,067

Same time in 1872.... 278,115

Government bonds at the close were firm at the following quotations:

Bid.	Asked.
U. S. Currency 6s.....18½%	19
U. S. 6s 1881, reg.....15½%	16
U. S. 6s 1881, cor.....12½%	13
U. S. 5-20 1863, reg.....11½%	12
U. S. 5-20 1863, new reg.....11½%	12
U. S. 5-20 1863, cor.....11½%	12
U. S. 5-20 1867, reg.....12½%	13½
U. S. 5-20 1867, cor.....12½%	13½
U. S. 5-20 1868, reg.....12½%	13½
U. S. 5-20 1868, cor.....11½%	12½
U. S. 5-20 1869, cor.....11½%	12½
U. S. 5-20 1870, cor.....11½%	12½
U. S. 10-40 cor.....11½%	12½
U. S. 5s 1881, reg.....11½%	12½
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The following are the closing quotations of active shares:

Bid.	Asked.
Atlantic & Pacific R. R. Preferred.... 4%	4½
Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph.... 19	20
Chicago & Northwestern.....45%	45%
" Pref.... 64%	65
Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific.... 110	110½
Chi., Bur. & Quar.... 119½	120
Chi., Col., Chi. & Ind. Cnt'.... 4%	4½
Cleveland and Pittsburgh.... 95%	96
Chicago & Alton.... 102½	103½
" Pref.... 109	110
Consolidation Coal.... 41½%	41½

Canton.....	49½
Dul. Lack. and Western....	117½
Dulware & Huds. Can....	119½
Adams Express....	106½
American Express....	62½
United States Express....	74½
Wells Fargo & Co. Express....	87
Erie....	17½
Harlem....	16
Hartford & St. Joseph....	18½
" Pref....	29
Illinois Central....	102
Kansas Pacific....	12
Kansas & Texas....	13
Lake Shore....	64½
Michigan Central....	62½
Morris & Essex....	100
" Pref....	80
Marquette....	7½
New York Central....	116
New Jersey Central....	106½
New & Southw....	1
Ohio & Mississippi....	91
Pacific Mail....	22½
Pittsburgh & Fort Wayne....	105
Pacific of Missouri....	12
Quicksilver....	17½
" Pref....	94
St. Louis and Iron Mountain....	26
St. Louis, Kan. City Northern....	6½
Tol. Wabash & Western....	3
Union Pacific....	68½
Western Union Telegraph....	67½

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		6	7	8	9		
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81. "B. and A." Sand Paper.	15	Per doz. \$5.00	4.00	3.20	2.80		
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82. Narrow Fast Cast Butts.	30*	Change List—					
1	1 1/4	1 1/2	2	2 1/2			
80-45	.48	.50	.55	.60	.65		
2 1/2	2 1/4	3	3 1/4	3 1/2	3 1/4		
80-70	.80	.95	1.00	1.20	1.30		
4	4 1/2	5	5 1/2	6			
81-40	1.90	2.30	2.90	3.50			
82. Broad Fast Cast Butts.	40*	Per doz. pair—					
2x2	2 1/2 x 2 1/4	2 1/2 x 2 1/4	2 1/2 x 2 1/4	2 1/2 x 2 1/4			
\$1.00	1.10	1.10	1.20	1.35			
2 1/2 x 3	2 1/2 x 2 1/4	3 x 3	3 1/2 x 3 1/4	3 x 3			
\$1.50	1.50	1.60	2.00	2.75			
3 1/2 x 3	3 x 3	3 x 4	3 1/2 x 3 1/4	3 1/2 x 4			
\$2.15	1.95	2.20	2.35	2.90			
4x3	4x3	4x4	4x5	4x5			
82-50	2.70	2.90	3.22	4.00			
4 1/2 x 4	4 1/2 x 4	4 1/2 x 5	4x6	4 1/2 x 6			
83-50	4.00	4.20	5.50	6.00			
5x5	5x5	5 1/2 x 5	5 1/2 x 5	5 1/2 x 5			
\$5.50	5.70	6.00	6.50				
82. Mayer Hinges.	40*	Change List as follows:					
0	1	2	3	4			
Per doz. \$1.50	1.60	1.90	2.20	2.75			
5	6	12	14				
Per doz. \$3.20	4.25	2.20	2.75				
82. Fast Joint.							
0	1						
Per doz. \$1.50	1.60						
83. Cast Narrow Butts, loose joints.	50*	Change List as follows:					
2	2 1/2	3	4	4 1/2	5		
\$1.00	1.10	1.50	1.75	2.10	2.40		
83. Cast Broad Butts.	50*	Change List as follows:					
Per doz. pair—							
2x3	2 1/2 x 2 1/4	2 1/2 x 2 1/4	2 1/2 x 2 1/4	2 1/2 x 2 1/4			
\$1.00	1.10	1.10	1.20	1.35			
2 1/2 x 3	2 1/2 x 3	3 x 3	3 x 3				
\$1.35	1.50	1.60	1.75				
3 1/2 x 3	3 x 3	3 1/2 x 3	3 1/2 x 3				
\$1.95	2.30	2.15	2.35				
3 1/2 x 4	4x3	4x3	4x4				
\$2.50	2.50	2.70	2.90				
4x3	4x3	4x4	4x5				
82-20	4.00	3.50	4.00				
4 1/2 x 5	5x3	4x5	4x6				
84-20	5.00	5.50	5.50				
5x5	5 1/2 x 5	5 1/2 x 5	5 1/2 x 6				
85-70	6.00	6.50	6.80				
6x5	6x5	6x6 1/2	6x7				
87-10	7.00	7.80	8.50				
6x5							
\$11.00							
83. Parliament Butts.	40*	Change List as follows—					
Size when open 2 1/2	2 1/2	3	3 1/4				
Doz. pairs. \$1.00	1.00	1.20	1.30				
Size when open 5%	3 1/4	4	4 1/2				
Doz. pairs. \$1.45	1.60	1.90	2.00				
Size when open 5	5%	6	6 1/2				
Doz. pairs. \$2.20	2.40	2.80	3.20				
Size when open 7	7 1/2	8	9				
Doz. pairs. \$3.80	4.20	4.40	5.50				
84. Loose Pin Acorn Butts.	45*	Change List as follows—					
Plain.							
2x3	2 1/2 x 3	2 1/2 x 3	2 1/2 x 3	2 1/2 x 3			
\$1.00	1.10	1.20	1.35	1.50			
2 1/2 x 3	2 1/2 x 3	3 x 3	3 1/2 x 3	3 x 3			
\$1.60	1.75	1.95	2.15	2.35			
3 1/2 x 4	4x3	4x4	4 1/2 x 4	4x4			
\$2.20	2.70	2.90	3.20	3.50			
4 1/2 x 5	4 1/2 x 5	5x5	5 1/2 x 5	5x5			
\$4.00	4.20	5.00	5.50	5.70			
5x5	5 1/2 x 5	6x5	6x6 1/2	6x7			
\$6.00	6.50	7.00	7.80	8.50			
84. Loose Pin Acorn Butts.	45*	Change List as follows—					
Japaned.							
2x3	2 1/2 x 3	2 1/2 x 2	2 1/2 x 2 1/4	2 1/2 x 3			
\$1.00	1.10	1.20	1.35	1.50			
2 1/2 x 3	2 1/2 x 3	3 x 3	3 1/2 x 3	3 x 3			
\$1.60	1.75	1.95	2.15	2.35			
3 1/2 x 4	4x3	4x4	4 1/2 x 4	4x4			
\$2.20	2.70	2.90	3.20	3.50			
4 1/2 x 5	4 1/2 x 5	5x5	5 1/2 x 5	5x5			
\$4.00	4.20	5.00	5.50	5.70			
5x5	5 1/2 x 5	6x5	6x6 1/2	6x7			
\$6.00	6.50	7.00	7.80	8.50			
84. Loose Pin Acorn Butts.	45*	Change List as follows—					
Plain.							
2x3	2 1/2 x 3	2 1/2 x 2	2 1/2 x 2 1/4	2 1/2 x 3			
\$1.00	1.10	1.20	1.35	1.50			
2 1/2 x 3	2 1/2 x 3	3 x 3	3 1/2 x 3	3 x 3			
\$1.60	1.75	1.95	2.15	2.35			
3 1/2 x 4	4x3	4x4	4 1/2 x 4	4x4			
\$2.20	2.70	2.90	3.20	3.50			
4 1/2 x 5	4 1/2 x 5	5x5	5 1/2 x 5	5x5			
\$4.00	4.20	5.00	5.50	5.70			
5x5	5 1/2 x 5	6x5	6x6 1/2	6x7			
\$6.00	6.50	7.00	7.80	8.50			
84. Loose Pin Acorn Butts.	45*	Change List as follows—					
Japaned with Plated Acorns.							
2x3	2 1/2 x 3	2 1/2 x 2	2 1/2 x 2 1/4	2 1/2 x 3			
\$1.00	1.10	1.20	1.35	1.50			
2 1/2 x 3	2 1/2 x 3	3 x 3	3 1/2 x 3	3 x 3			
\$1.60	1.75	1.95	2.15	2.35			
3 1/2 x 4	4x3	4x4	4 1/2 x 4	4x4			
\$2.20	2.70	2.90	3.20	3.50			
4 1/2 x 5	4 1/2 x 5	5x5	5 1/2 x 5	5x5			
\$4.00	4.20	5.00	5.50	5.70			
5x5	5 1/2 x 5	6x5	6x6 1/2	6x7			
\$6.00	6.50	7.00	7.80	8.50			
84. Loose Pin Acorn Butts.	45*	Change List as follows—					
Add New No. 82. Three piece Spade, Fork and Hoe, and Rake. Steel Spade and Malleable Fork and Rake (lighter than No. 84). \$18 per dozen sets.							
84. Loose Pin Acorn Butts.	45*	Change List as follows—					
2x3	2 1/2 x 3	2 1/2 x 2	2 1/2 x 2 1/4	2 1/2 x 3			
\$1.00	1.10	1.20	1.35	1.50			
2 1/2 x 3	2 1/2 x 3	3 x 3	3 1/2 x 3	3 x 3			
\$1.60	1.75	1.95	2.15	2.35			
3 1/2 x 4	4x3	4x4	4 1/2 x 4	4x4			
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4 1/2 x 5	4 1/2 x 5	5x5	5 1/2 x 5	5x5			
\$4.00	4.20	5.00	5.50	5.70			
5x5	5 1/2 x 5	6x5	6x6 1/2	6x7			
\$6.00	6.50	7.00	7.80	8.50			
84. Loose Pin Acorn Butts.	45*	Change List as follows—					
2x3							

court—that those gentlemen deemed it prudent to abandon any attempt at fully reporting the matter, seeing that we are told that the "arguments were not of a nature to be generally interesting to the public." The reporters, however, are good enough to hint that the forensic blows and cuffs chiefly related to some mysterious atmospheric phenomenon termed "the dominant current of air," in which the plaintiffs claimed to have a peculiarly patent right. "Feathers" were also lightly talked of in select legal phraseology, and were lightly, albeit only verbally, tossed about from one side of the table to the other, and were held to be the "cardinal point" of the invention, and of the alleged infringement. The common register stove was also mentioned as being the "substratum" of the invention itself—a sort of geological assertion not included in the compilations of Hugh Miller or Sir Charles Lyell. Even the grammatical construction of the rival specifications was made the subject of keen discussion, and the learned brotherhood had about them with muchunction and all their might and main, as to the appropriateness or otherwise of certain phrases "as applied," say the reporters, "to particular features of the construction of grates." The judges, with true judicial foresight, rose on Saturday before the arguments were concluded, and the case was again to have come up on Tuesday, but did not do so, as we infer from the absence of any report. It is expected that this cause célèbre of patent cases will yet occupy a good deal of judicial time and attention before any decision can be given. In the meantime, as the matter is *pendente lite*, we, of course, abstain from commenting in any way upon the merits of either sides of the question at issue.

SCOTCH PIG IRON TRADE.

The Glasgow warrant market remained quiet during the whole of last week, with a further decline of 1/ to 1/6 per iron. On Monday quotations were 61/6, 60/9 and 60/10½; on Tuesday 60/6, 60/3 and 60/6; and on Friday, 60/9. This morning the market has opened quietly, there having been no market, as usual, on Saturday. There are now 119 furnaces in blast in Scotland, equal to a total weekly production of 20,587 tons. Last week's shipments were 7,994 tons—an increase of 202 tons over the figures for the corresponding week of 1875. The stock in Connal's stores continues to decrease slightly, the quantity held this morning being 61/40 tons, a falling off of 265 tons during the week. Freight, Glasgow and Ardrossan to Boston, have been reduced to 9/ each during the week.

Writing from Glasgow, on February 18th (evening), Messrs. James Watson & Co. said: "Our market for Scotch pig iron has been flat during the week, with a further reduction in price of warrants and shipping brands. Business in warrants has been done from 61/ to 60/4½, cash, closing to-day rather sellers at 60/9."

Messrs. John E. Swan & Brother's (Limited), prices current, same place and date:

No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.
G. M. B. at Glasgow.....	61/9	60/9	
Gartsherrie.....	71/6	62/6	
Coltness.....	74/6	63/	
Summerlee.....	70/	62/6	
Langloan.....	72/	63/6	
Caron.....	65/6		
Calder, at Port Dundas.....	74/	63/	
Glengarnock, at Ardrossan.....	63/	62/6	
Eglington.....	61/6	60/6	
Dalmellington.....	61/6	60/6	
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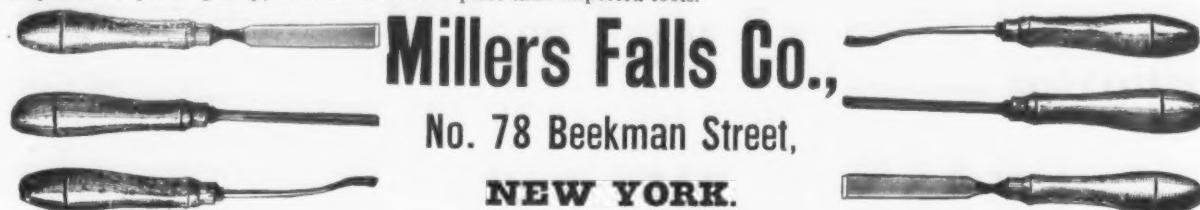
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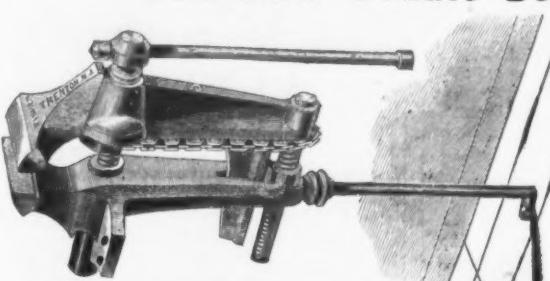
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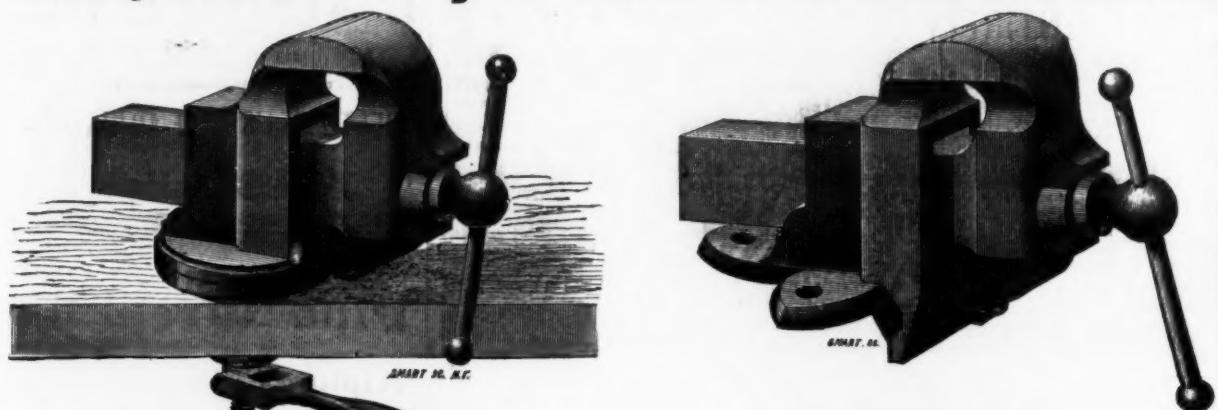
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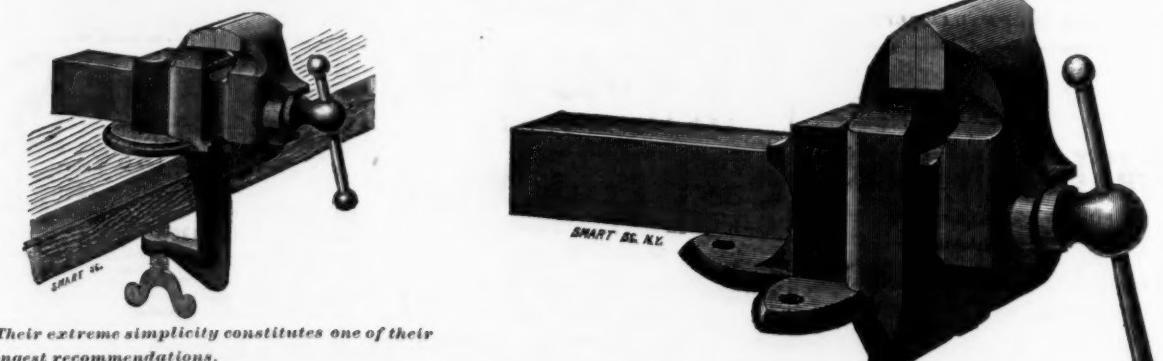
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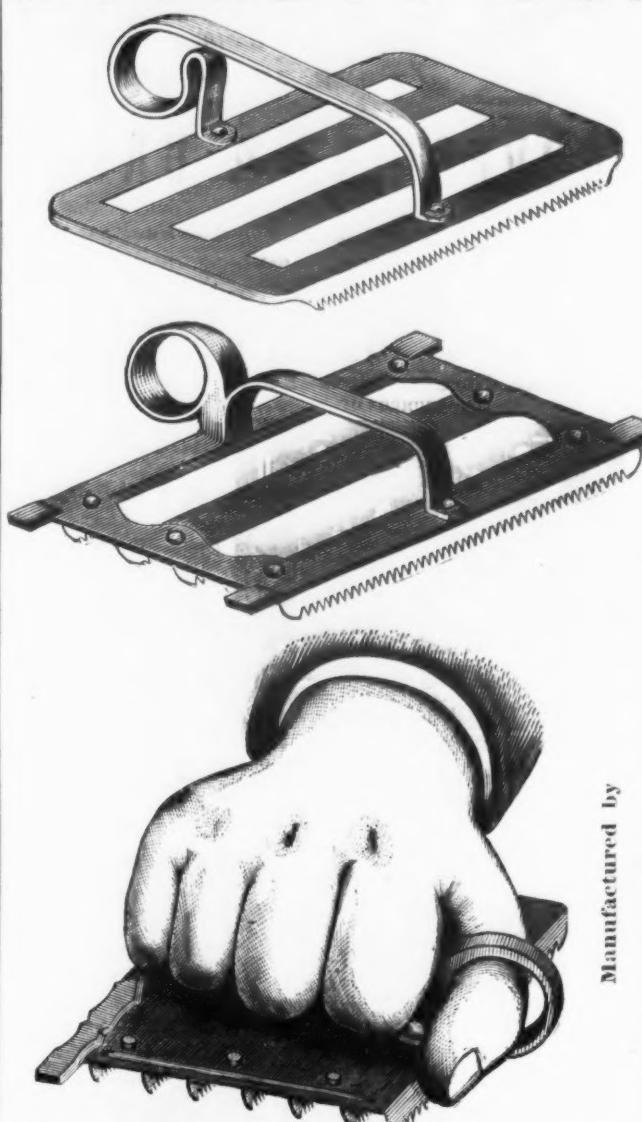
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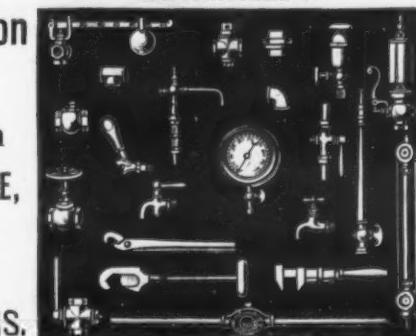
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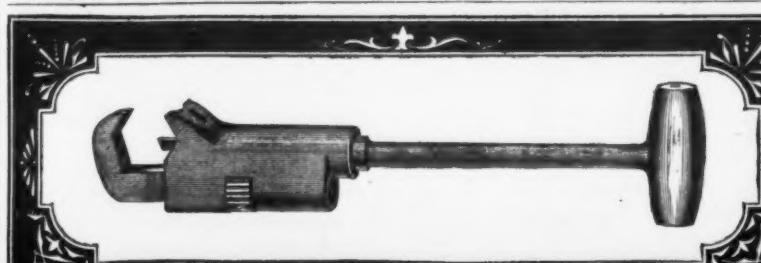
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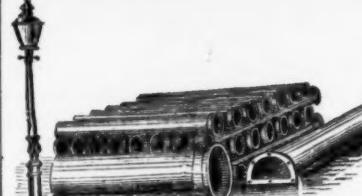
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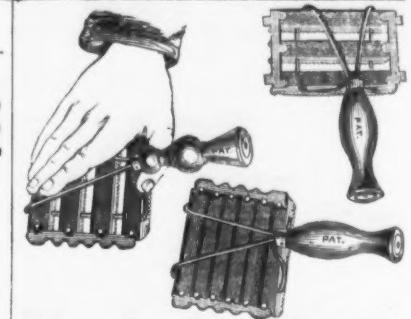
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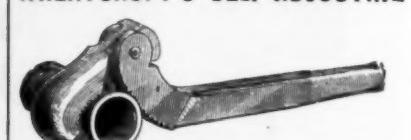
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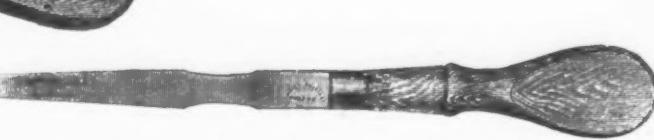
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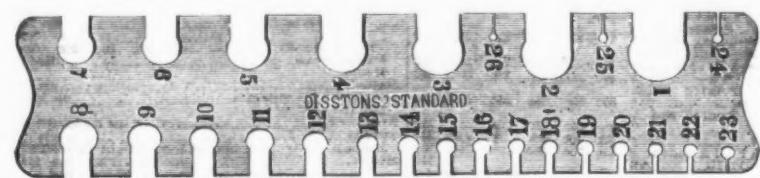
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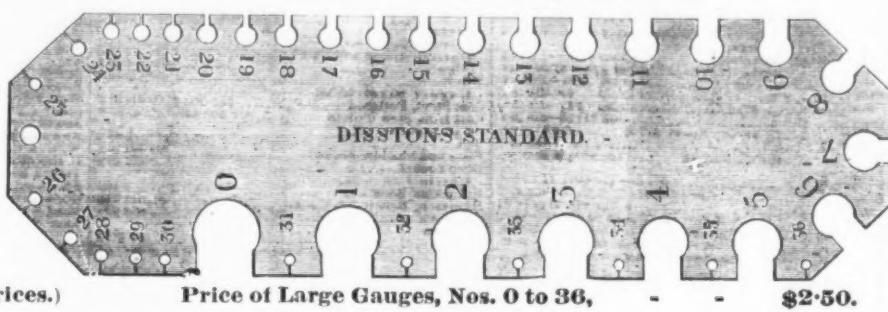


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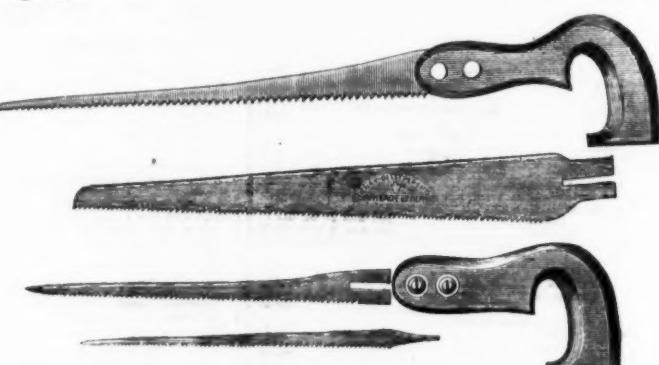
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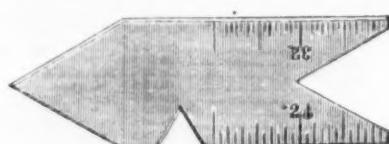
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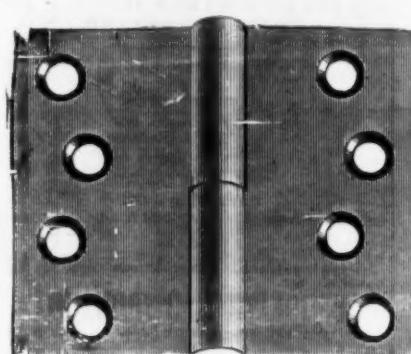
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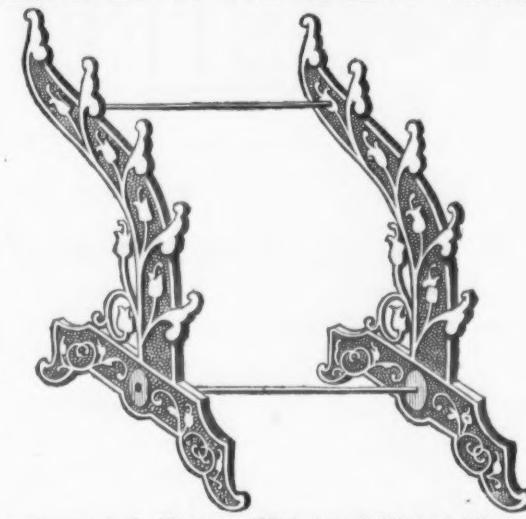
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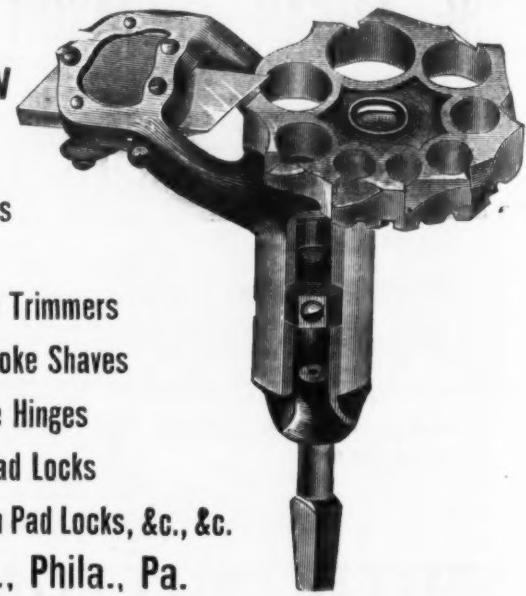
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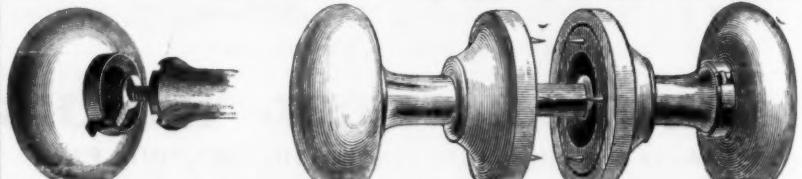
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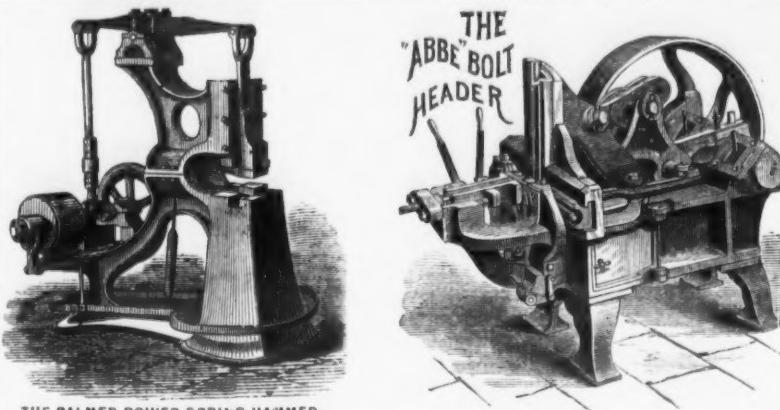
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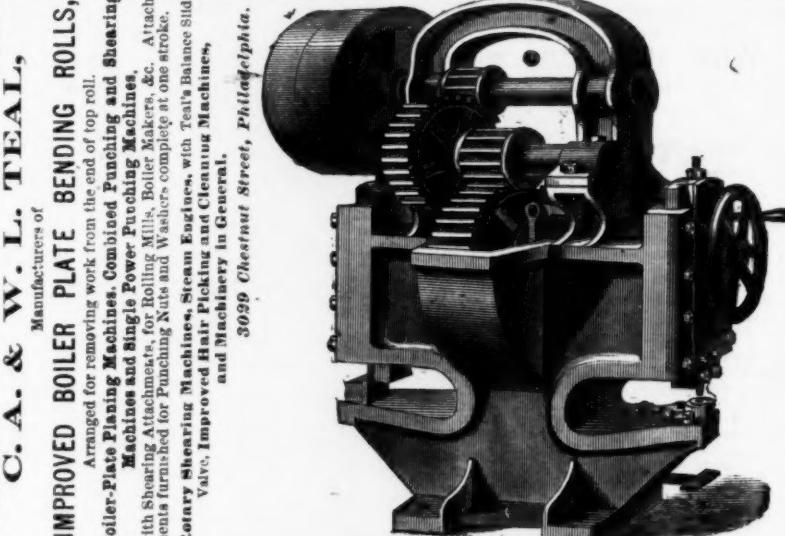
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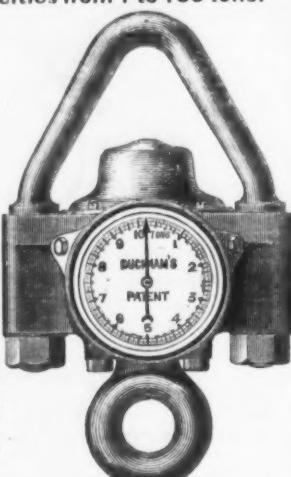
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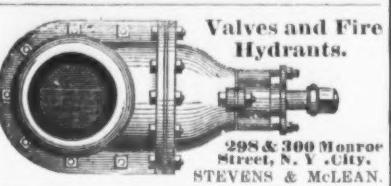
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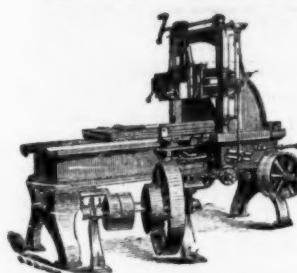
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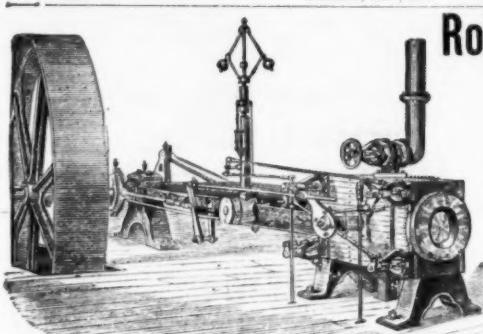
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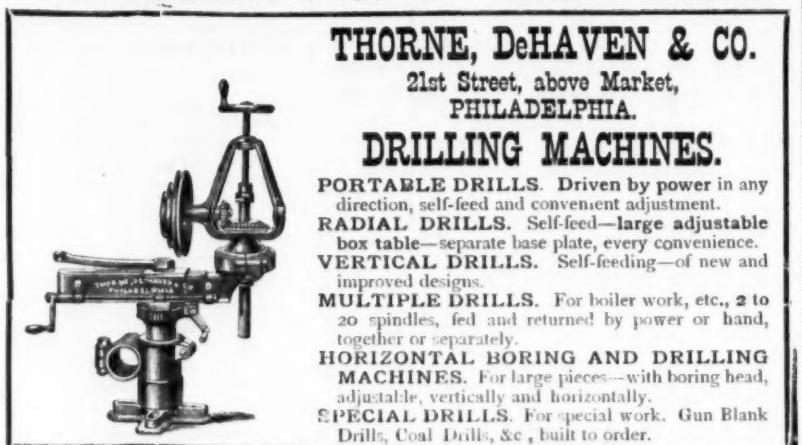


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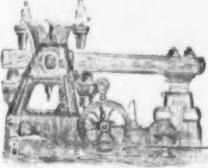
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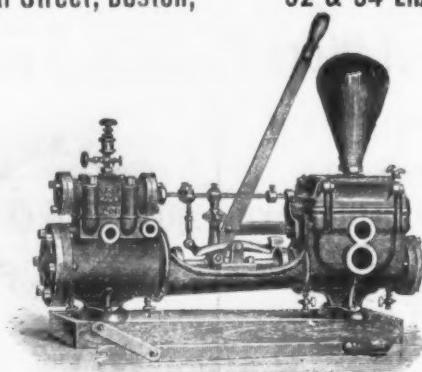
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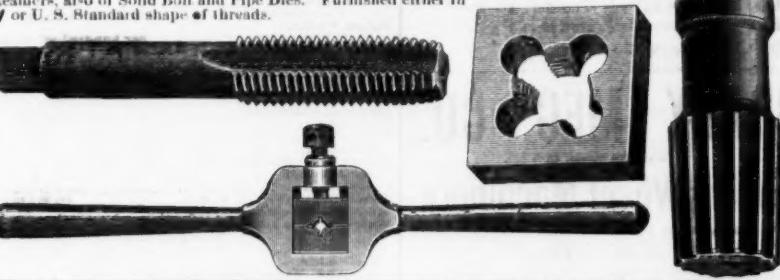
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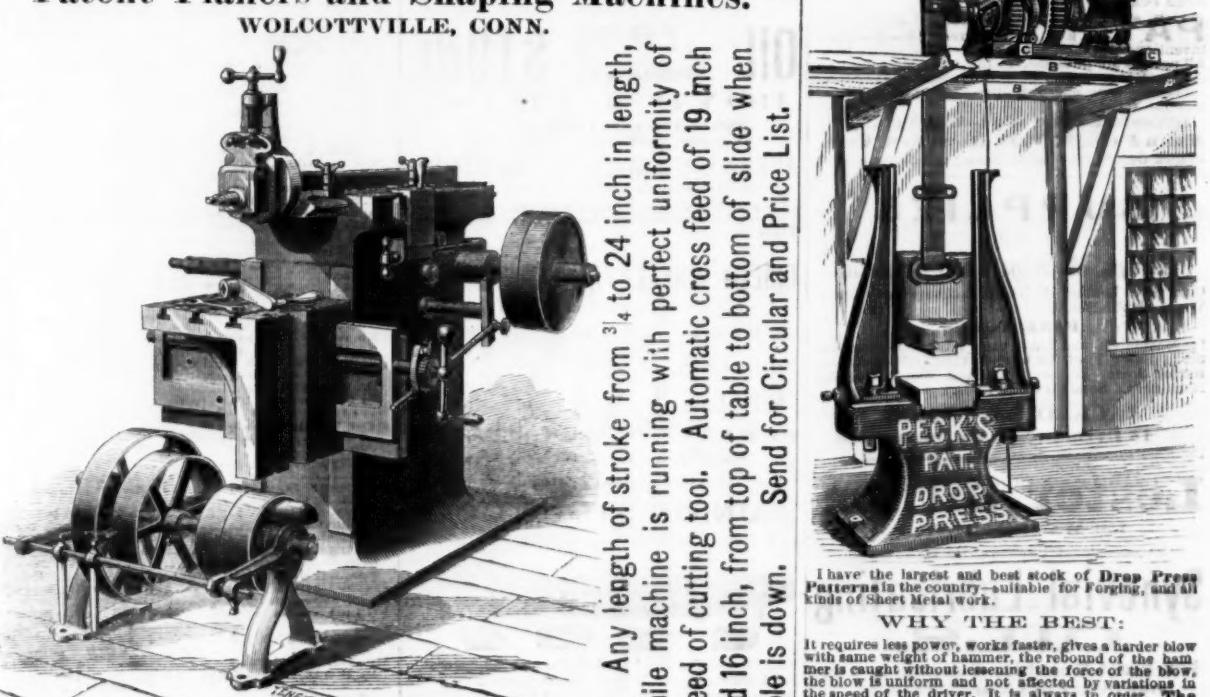
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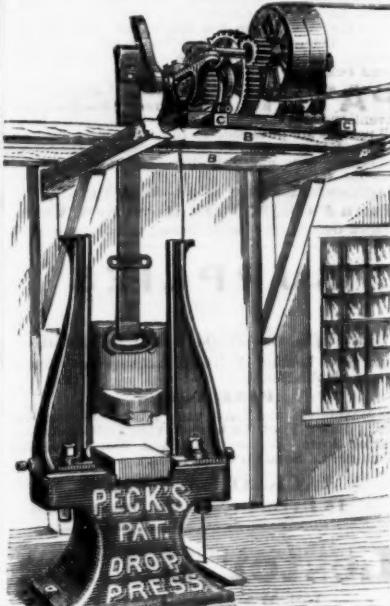
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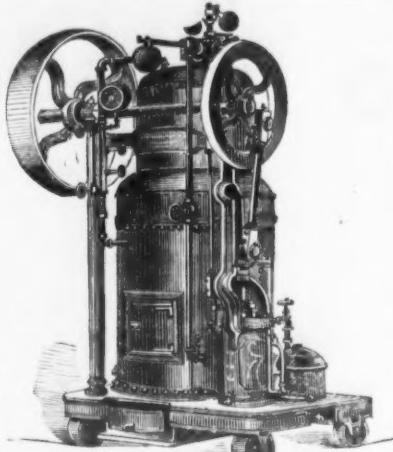
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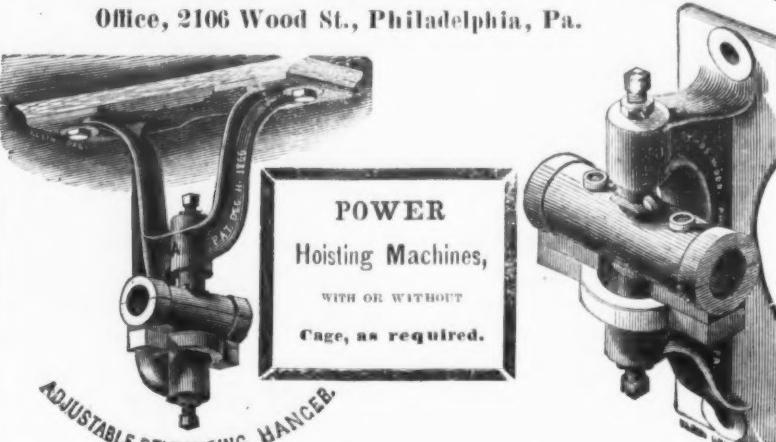
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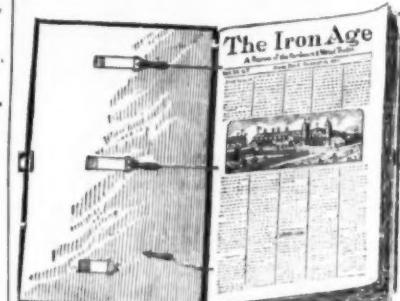
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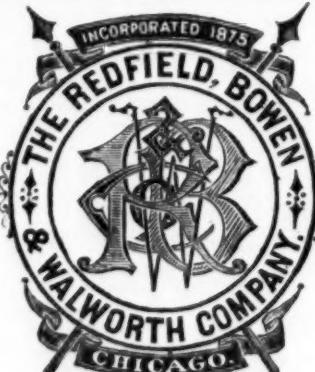
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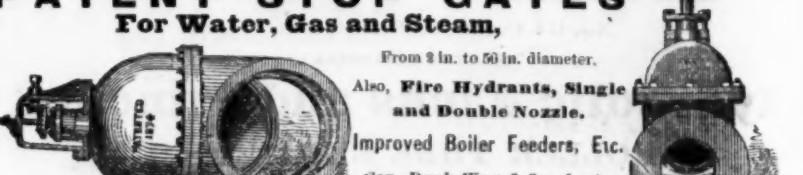
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